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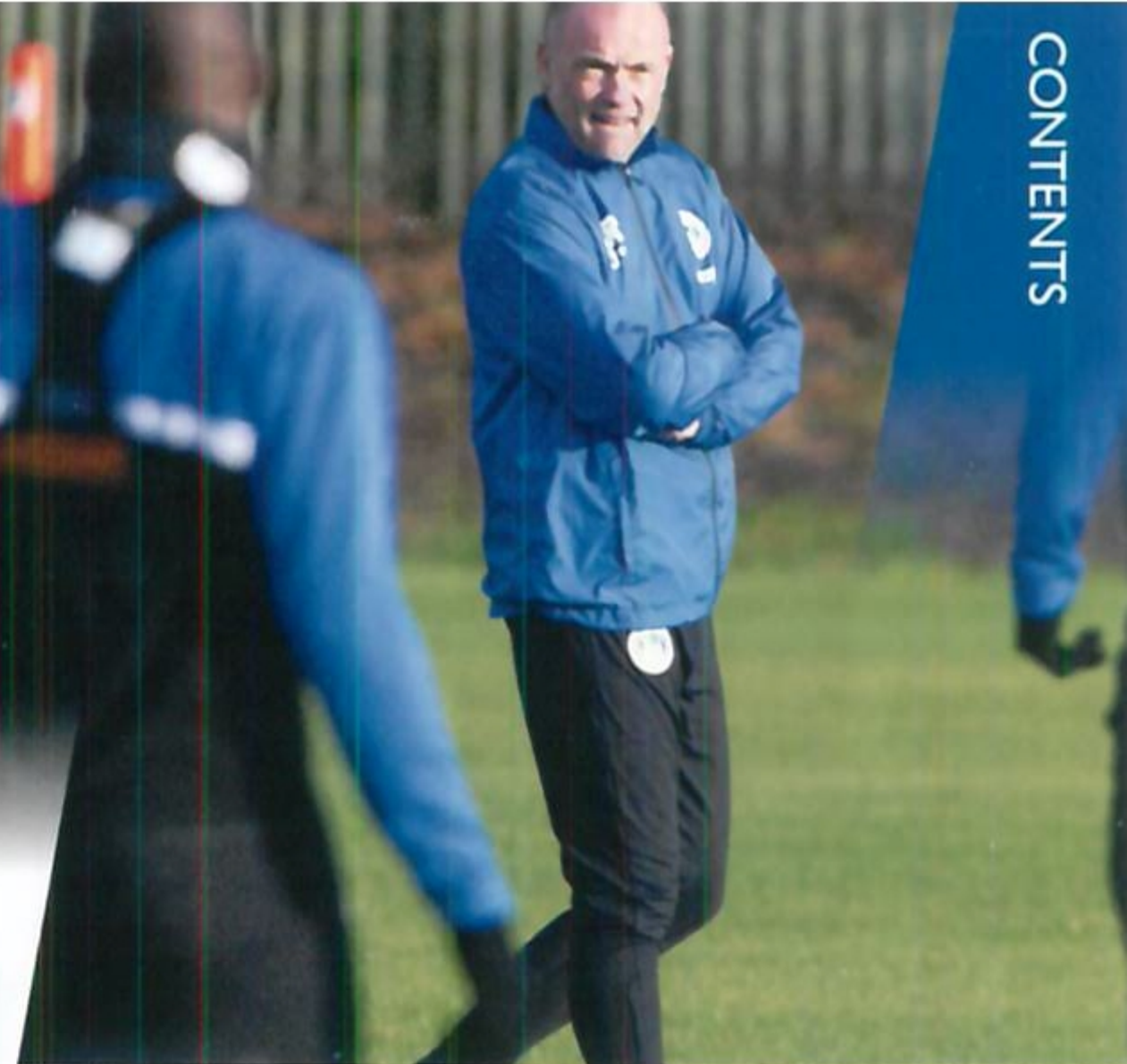




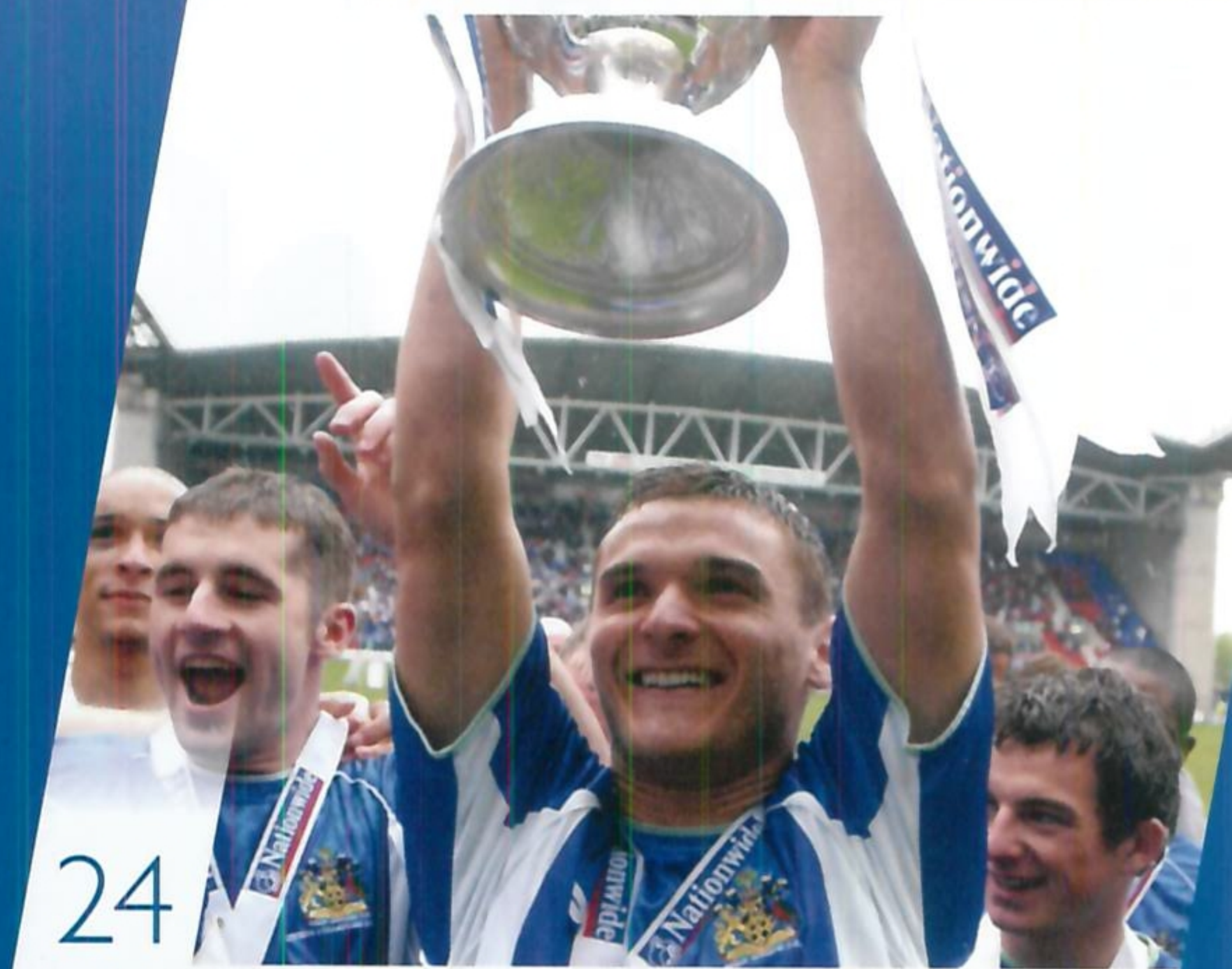
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Uwe Rosler

HOME FORM IS ALWAYS CRUCIAL AND WE HAVE TO TURN THIS STADIUM INTO A FORTRESS. THE DW IS A MAGNIFICENT ARENA FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL AND WE NEED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF IT AGAIN, STARTING THIS AFTERNOON.



It is with huge pride that I would like to welcome everybody to the DW Stadium this afternoon for what is the start of a new chapter; for me personally of course, but also for Wigan Athletic Football Club, the players, the staff and all the supporters.

THINGS CHANGE SO QUICKLY IN FOOTBALL, THAT IS WHY IT IS SO EXCITING

It was only just over a week ago that my staff and I were preparing the Brentford team for an important cup tie in Carlisle. Then I heard that Dave Whelan had permission to speak with me with a view to becoming manager of Wigan Athletic and things moved very quickly at that point.

Before I knew it, I was saying an emotional goodbye to the Brentford players in their team hotel and catching the train to London to watch my new team at Millwall.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking everyone at Brentford for the opportunities they gave me to manage in this country, and a large part of my heart will always be at that club. It was a big decision for me to leave because that was my team that I put together with the help of the staff there but they understood that when a club like Wigan Athletic came in for me, it was an opportunity I was really interested in.

That is the past. Now Wigan Athletic is my team and I cannot tell you how excited I am at the challenge in front of us to take this club back to the Premier League.

To be able to manage a team in this position really is a dream for me, it's perfect. I love English football, and English football culture, my home is here in England in the North West and like I did as a player, I believe this is a club where I can fulfil my ambition of managing at the top level of the game.

I would say that the Wigan Athletic story is an inspiration for so many other clubs around the country. The way they have risen up the league, won promotion to the Premier League, survived for eight years, and of course won the FA Cup and qualified for the Europa League.

There is a very stable financial situation here, which is important and Mr Whelan is a chairman who clearly understands football, and how it works. I like a short line of communication and I think Mr Whelan is a man who speaks his mind and likes to move forwards quickly. That interests me and excites me. I really am looking forward to working with him.

The relationship between manager and chairman is the key one at any club and I believe and hope that ours will be good and fruitful.

THE SQUAD IS FULL OF QUALITY

I have only worked with this group of players for a few days but already you can see the level and the talent that we have in the squad. Maybe the confidence is a little bit low after a difficult run of games, but these are experienced professionals who are capable of taking this club back to where it should be. Losing becomes a bad habit – the worst habit – in football and we have to change that momentum, and quickly.

I think this is a great period now for the players to show me what we can do. We have the transfer window open in a few weeks and I want to see players who are hungry and who want to represent the club.

TODAY IS A BIG, BIG GAME

I cannot think of a better game to start with: a home game against big local rivals. There will be a big crowd on, lots of expectation, the fans will be up for it and I know the team will as well. Hopefully we can fulfil the ambitions of our loyal supporters by winning the game.

What is important now is that everyone sticks behind the team and helps them through the difficult periods of any game. The team will do everything they can to excite our supporters. All the players will be aware of the importance of this game, especially as a derby, and will be ready to show the necessary commitment and desire needed to come out on top.

Home form is always crucial and we have to turn this stadium into a fortress. The DW is a magnificent arena for playing football and we need to take possession of it again, starting this afternoon.

WELCOME TO BOLTON WANDERERS

Welcome to Dougie Freedman and his Bolton team. Local derbies are unique occasions where both teams are motivated to win and today will be no different. We need maximum effort from everyone, on and off the field.

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Enjoy the game

Uwe

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Jonathan Jackson



Welcome to the start of a new era at Wigan Athletic.

Everyone is very excited about the arrival of Uwe Rosler as the new manager. I think we have found someone who not only shares our footballing ideals but also has a long term vision for the club.

Looking for a new manager is always very difficult. We have had to perform this task twice in a very short space of time and it has been a testing period for us.

When a vacancy comes up in any professional club - the higher up the league ladder you are, the more this is true - you are inundated with applications. These range from established household names within the game, to very inexperienced coaches who feel they should be given a chance. On top of that, it is also very important to stay abreast of the football world to see which managers and coaches are making a name for themselves, both here and abroad.

Football truly is a global sport these days, and when you look across the divisions in England, there are coaches off many different nations plying their trade. So it really is a case of keeping an open mind.

The high profile nature of professional sport means that there is inevitable public speculation about any major vacancy and it is sometimes a challenge to stay focused on exactly the sort of person you want to appoint, rather than someone you are being heavily linked with in the media or is the bookies' favourite. You have to make the right choice, not the easy one.

When we identified Uwe Rosler as someone who fitted the criteria of candidate we were seeking – modern, ambitious, diligent, with a philosophy for progressive football - it was a case of approaching his club, Brentford FC.

I must thank Brentford, for their professionalism and cooperation at a time which is always difficult for any club – we have of course been through the same scenario in reverse with Roberto Martinez leaving for Everton in the summer. They made the process relatively smooth.

What I liked about him straight away was that he needed assurance that this was the right club for him. Many potential managers would just have looked at our playing squad, the position in the league, the tag FA Cup Winners and asked whereabouts they should sign the contract. Not Uwe. He listened very carefully to what the Chairman had



to say, and it was a case of us having to sell the club to him: what the ambition was, plans for the future, including our new academy and training ground complex.

In other words, it was as important that we should fit his vision for the club where he wanted to take the next step in his career, as he should fit into our profile for a new manager.

We are confident that, in both cases, the fit is ideal.

Having worked alongside Uwe during this first week together, I have seen nothing to change my opinion. On the contrary, the more he becomes involved with the club, the more I feel we have made the right choice. He is determined to shape the club in his image, he is a driven individual who believes in careful planning, hard work and has unremitting energy; I believe his efforts will begin bearing fruits very soon.

With all the attention being focused on the appointment of Uwe Rosler, the club made a second very significant appointment this week in the shape of Gregor Rioch, our new Academy Director, who has overseen a transformation of the Coventry City Academy over the past six and a half years.

This is a real coup for the club and is a very significant appointment at an important time. The Wigan Athletic Academy has been established by the sterling efforts of interim manager Matt Jackson over the past 18 months, alongside coaches Neill Rimmer, Kenny Williams, Tim Lees

and Jake Campbell, all of whom have worked extremely hard to provide the foundations of a successful football academy.

Wigan Athletic once had a great reputation of bringing through young talent and we are beginning to see the product of our recent work now. We currently have two products of our youth system in the first team squad in Callum McManaman and Lee Nicholls, which has not happened for over ten years.

We have been looking for the person who shares our ambition and vision to recruit and develop players from an early age and create a reputation for excellence and style and Gregor is the ideal person. He has a growing reputation within the game and I am delighted to welcome him to the club.

These notes are written prior to our trip to Maribor but irrespective of the outcome of the match and whether or not the European adventure has come to an end I would like to thank and congratulate our wonderful supporters – over 1,000 of them made the trip to Slovenia, on top of the 2,500 who went to Belgium and 146 all the way to Kazan.

Let's all unite once again this afternoon for what is a massive game for the club.

We are all part of the team.





Gary Caldwell



DERBY DAYS ARE SPECIAL NO MATTER WHICH CLUB YOU PLAY FOR. ALL OVER THE FOOTBALL WORLD LOCAL GAMES MEAN SOMETHING MORE TO SUPPORTERS, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING EXTRA RIDING ON THESE GAMES AND FOR THE PLAYERS THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE PLAYING IN THEM.

I've been lucky enough to sample one of the most famous derby matches in the world in Glasgow and know that when the full time whistle blows and you've given every last drop to take the three points there's no feeling that can rival it.

Since I've been a Wigan Athletic player I've had mixed memories of derby matches against Bolton Wanderers, the stand out game coming at the Reebok Stadium last year when I managed to get on the scoresheet before James McArthur's dramatic late winner. But it was before the game that I have the most vivid memories, seeing the thousands of supporters who had made the trek from the DW Stadium on foot in support of the Emma Hoolin campaign. I believe there's another walk organised for the away fixture in support of Joseph Kendrick who I'm delighted to hear is getting better day by day after recently being admitted to hospital.

We're all thinking of you Joseph and hope three points today will help give you and your family another lift.

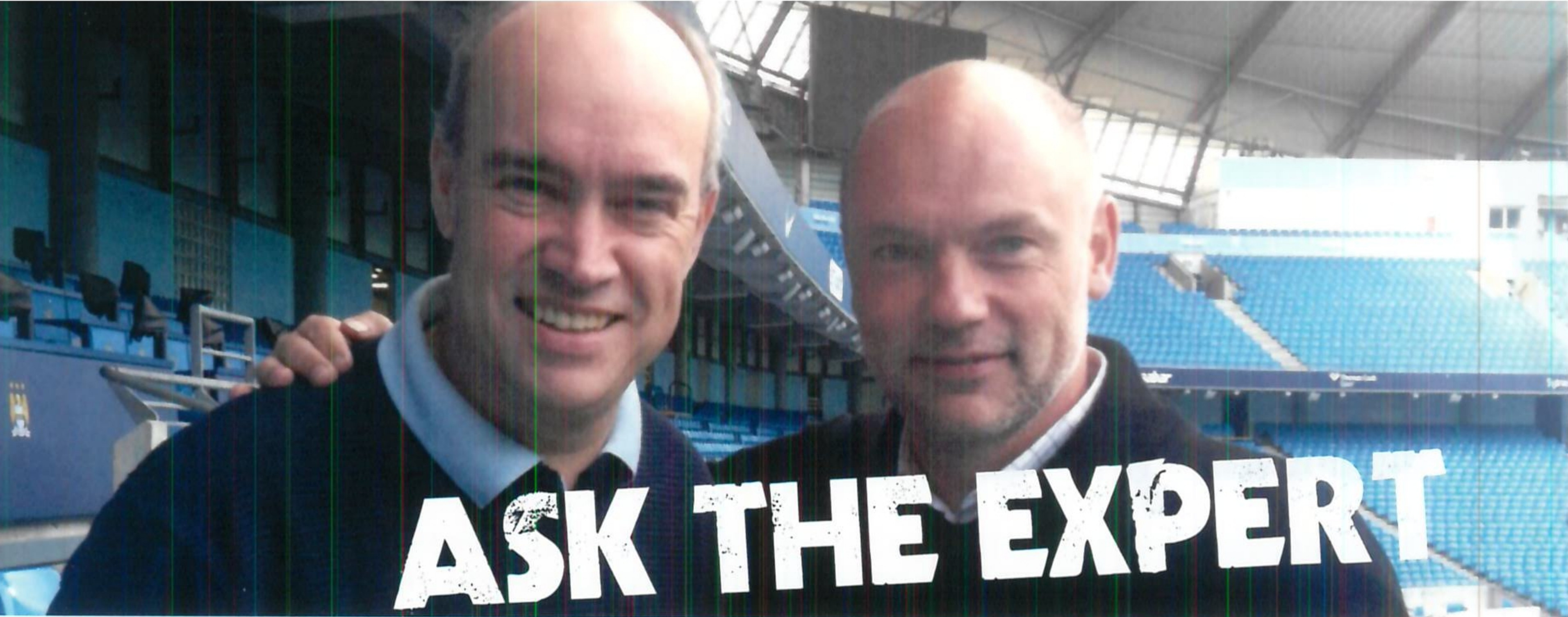
We've showed that day in Bolton what can be achieved when we're all pulling together for the good of the football club, and proved how much we all care about Wigan Athletic.

Recently we've had some big changes take place behind scenes with Owen Coyle leaving the club and Graham Barrow taking temporary charge before Uwe Rosler came in last week. Firstly I would like to thank Owen for his work during his time at the club; it was never going to be easy for him after a summer of change but he did his best and everyone was sad to see him leave. Graham is a man

everyone in the dressing room has great admiration and respect for. He's experienced so much during his time in football and there was no one better to look after the best interests of the club whilst the Chairman found a permanent replacement. 'Big G' as we all call Graham isn't one to cause fuss, and we were gutted we couldn't repay his efforts with a result against Leeds and Millwall but his influence will be there throughout the season, not just for one week.

The first impressions of Uwe have been really positive. He came and spoke to us all before, during and after last weekend's game against Millwall and since then has explained his plans for the club's future and how he aims to achieve them. He is very meticulous and demanding of his players which can only be a good thing. His arrival will add something to an already special afternoon and the players are all desperate to kick off a new era in the best possible way.

I'm sure you'll all make Uwe feel welcome at the club and make his home debut one to remember. It's time to find a response today. Our league form has not been good enough, simple as that. Yes we've been unlucky, but the Championship is an unforgiving league and we'll not get anywhere feeling sorry for ourselves. Be positive, get behind the boys and make this afternoon's another unforgettable DW derby day.



ASK THE EXPERT

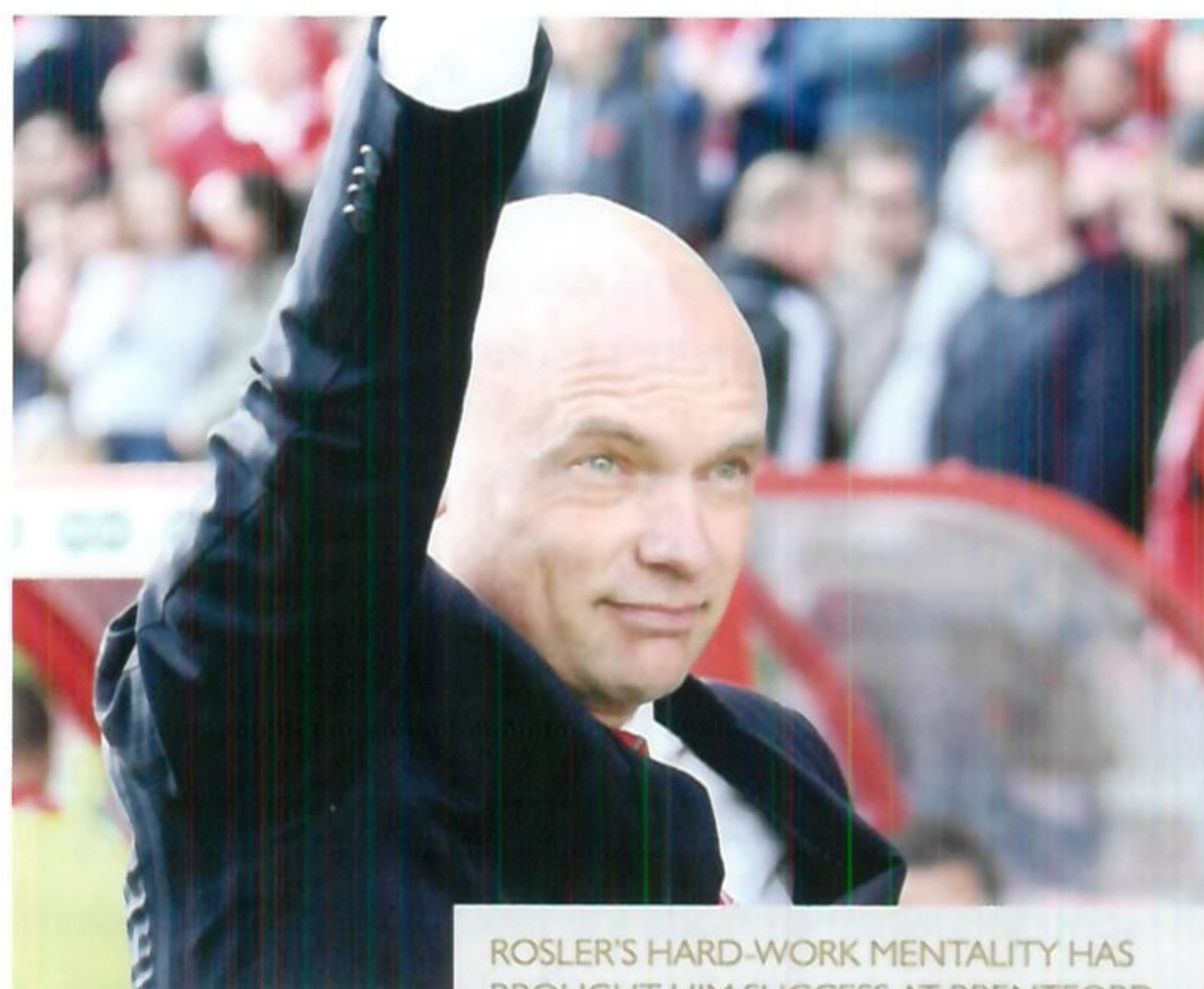
Commentator for BBC Radio Manchester and 2012 North West Football Journalist of the Year Ian Cheeseman gives his verdict on Latics' new managerial appointment, and why he's convinced Uwe Rosler and Latics are perfect for one another...

Uwe Rosler and Wigan Athletic look like a match made in heaven, especially with Dave Whelan as Chairman of Latics. I've read both their books, "Born to Win" by Whelan and "Knocking Down Walls" by Rosler, and I can recommend them both. The similarity of the two men is that they are fiercely competitive, and have both had to battle against the odds to get to where they have got to. The difference is that Mr Whelan has achieved all his goals, while Uwe is still a rising talent, determined to fulfil his.

I can't spoil the ending of Uwe's story, because it still has to be written, but I'm sure you'll know that he grew up behind the iron curtain, in East Germany, and when he first moved to the West he had to prove himself, to be accepted. He did the same when he moved to England, to Manchester City.

My mother was German. When I was a boy, she feared I'd have a hard time from my friends, if I told them of my Germanic roots. Uwe had to deal with that sort of prejudice from fellow Germans, as he'd grown up in the East, before furthering his career in the West. In Manchester, the remnants of that Anglo-German "rivalry", meant he had to win the people over again, which he did with his passion and ability.

His next battle was with cancer, which (much as Dave Whelan has done throughout his life, when dealing with adversity) he beat his demons in a very pragmatic way, using his long recovery time in hospital to swot up on coaching, his next



ROSLE'S HARD-WORK MENTALITY HAS BROUGHT HIM SUCCESS AT BRENTFORD

career, despite his wife Cecilie being told he'd had only a very slim chance of survival.

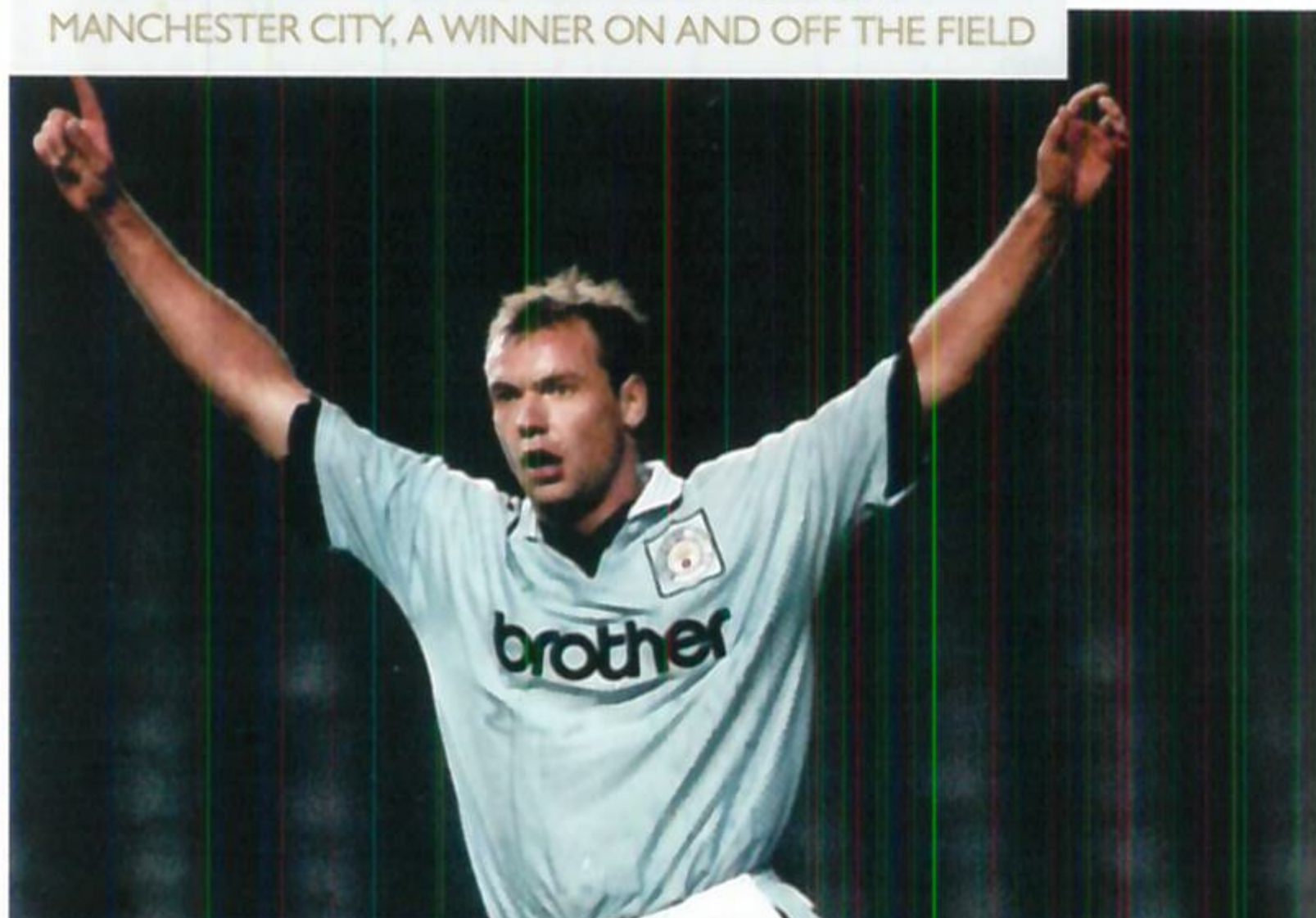
He learnt his managerial trade in his wife's home country, Norway, seemingly getting stronger, in every sense of the word, club by club, until his determination to make it in his adopted "home", England, led him to Brentford, and now Wigan Athletic.

I first met Uwe at Manchester City, and as I've got to know him as a man, he's exactly the person I hoped he'd be. He's methodical and can remove emotion from his thinking, when he needs to. That's not to say he's not emotional, of course he is, that's where his passion and latterly his fist pumping goal celebrations come from. You've only got to see him with Cecilie or ask him about his sons, Colin and Tony (named after Colin Bell and Tony Book) to feel the warm glow around this remarkable man's soul.

I've interviewed him, chatted to him, texted him, on many occasions. I've seen that cold glint of "a winner" behind his eyes, I've seen him walk hand in hand with his wife, when he thought no-one was looking. Two sides of that indescribable thing that makes a man great. I don't know Dave Whelan like I know Uwe, but they seem to have similar strengths, that's why their mutual respect should work well at the DW Stadium.

You need results and some luck in life, but you often make that luck yourself, and I believe Uwe makes and deserves all the luck he gets. He's a good man, a loyal determined man and a hard worker. I'm proud to know him and I'm convinced there's only one direction Uwe and Wigan Athletic are going, up!

IN FAMILIAR POSE DURING HIS PLAYING DAYS AT MANCHESTER CITY, A WINNER ON AND OFF THE FIELD







BLUES NEWS



CARRIEANNE'S BIG DAY

Latics were delighted to have Carrieanne North as one of our mascots in the last home game against Derby County. Carrieanne, aged nine, suffers from Congenital Myopathy – a muscle-wasting condition which means she struggles with everyday activities such as walking, running and jumping, but despite her battle was in her element as she got to meet her Latics heroes and her favourite player, James McClean who, on hearing this, asked Carrieanne if she would walk out with him and after the game donated his shirt to her fund-raising cause.

To help the cause, or bid for some of the special items being auctioned off, visit www.carrieon-fighting.com or follow the cause on **twitter** @ **Carrieonfi**



BOYCE ENTERS TOP TEN

Emmerson Boyce's name on the team sheet for Latics' last home game against Derby County was a significant one. It was the 210th time the 34-year-old appeared in league competition for the club, overtaking Allen Tankard's record of 109 and breaking into the top ten league appearances holders for Wigan Athletic. The next man in his sights is Andy Liddell, sitting in ninth place with 217 league appearances.





2013 was undoubtedly a momentous year in sport for the town of Wigan, with the Warriors' success in the Challenge Cup and Super League and, of course, Latics triumph in the FA Cup Final. To celebrate a real one-off

THREE'S THE MAGIC NUMBER

calendar year, the DW Stadium has installed a special trophy cabinet in the stadium reception for fans to catch a glimpse of all three trophies side by side.

GREGOR RIOCH APPOINTED ACADEMY MANAGER

Gregor Rioch has been appointed the new Wigan Athletic Academy Manager looking after the club's young players between the ages of 11 and 21.

The 38 year-old joins Latics after six and a half highly successful years at Coventry City, in which he has overseen a complete transformation of the youth set up at the Sky Blues, with 21 players coming through the ranks to make their first team debuts, amassing approaching 500 appearances between them.

Rioch is regarded as being one of the top youth football coaches in the country and he has been brought in to Wigan Athletic to continue to build up the club's academy, established just 18 months ago in place of the former Centre of Excellence.



A cultured defender who played for Peterborough United, Hull City, Macclesfield Town and Shrewsbury Town, Rioch is also the son of former Latics manager Bruce Rioch, and is excited at the prospect of working for Latics himself:

"The potential is here for all to see and this is an amazing opportunity to start shaping the future of the club. I enjoyed my time at Coventry and hopefully I have left the club's academy in a very healthy state. But now it is time for a fresh challenge.

"Now my focus is on Wigan Athletic and the future of the club. I can't wait to get started and begin building towards the future."

LATICS START CUP DEFENCE V MK DONS

Wigan Athletic will begin the defence of their FA Cup crown against MK Dons in the Third Round of the FA Cup, it was revealed last Sunday. Almost eight months after that incredible day in May, Teddy Sheringham pulled out ball number 43 to reveal a home tie for Uwe Rosler's side, welcoming Karl Robinson's League One outfit to the DW Stadium in a first ever meeting between the two sides.

The tie will be played over the weekend of January 4/5 2014.



Action Replay

LEEDS LOSS

Wednesday 4 December 2013
Venue: Elland Road
Attendance: 25,888
Referee: Graham Scott



Leeds United 2
McCormack 15, 77

Wigan Athletic 0



► Jean Beausejour made his first appearance for Latics since the end of October

Lineups

Leeds United: Kenny; Lees, Zaliukas, Pearce, Peltier, Murphy, Mowatt, Pugh, Austin, McCormack, Smith

Subs: Varney, Warnock, Brown, Tonge, Byram, Poleon, Cairns

Wigan Athletic: Carson; Barnett, Ramis, Perch, Boyce, Beausejour (McClean, 55), McArthur, Watson, McCann, Powell (McManaman, 67), Keane (Holt, 55)

Subs: Nicholls, Shotton, Gomez, Espinoza

Quotes

"I found the most surprising aspect of the game is the fact that we conceded both goals from set pieces, because that is one area which we've been very strong in recently. But I can't fault the lads in terms of effort and dedication, the problem is that this league gives you so little preparation time and that maybe cost us a little. I was pleased to see us moving the ball around a little better and all that is needed now is to improve in the final third – we need to get the strikers up and running and scoring goals."

Graham Barrow



- Will Keane sees a snapshot in the first half bravely denied by Paddy Kenny in the Leeds goal



- Graham Barrow pulls the strings from the touchline in temporary charge of the team



- Barrow is joined by John Doolan, Alex Cribley and Phil Hughes in the dugout



- Back in the team, Chris McCann battles for possession in the middle of the park with Luke Murphy

Action Replay

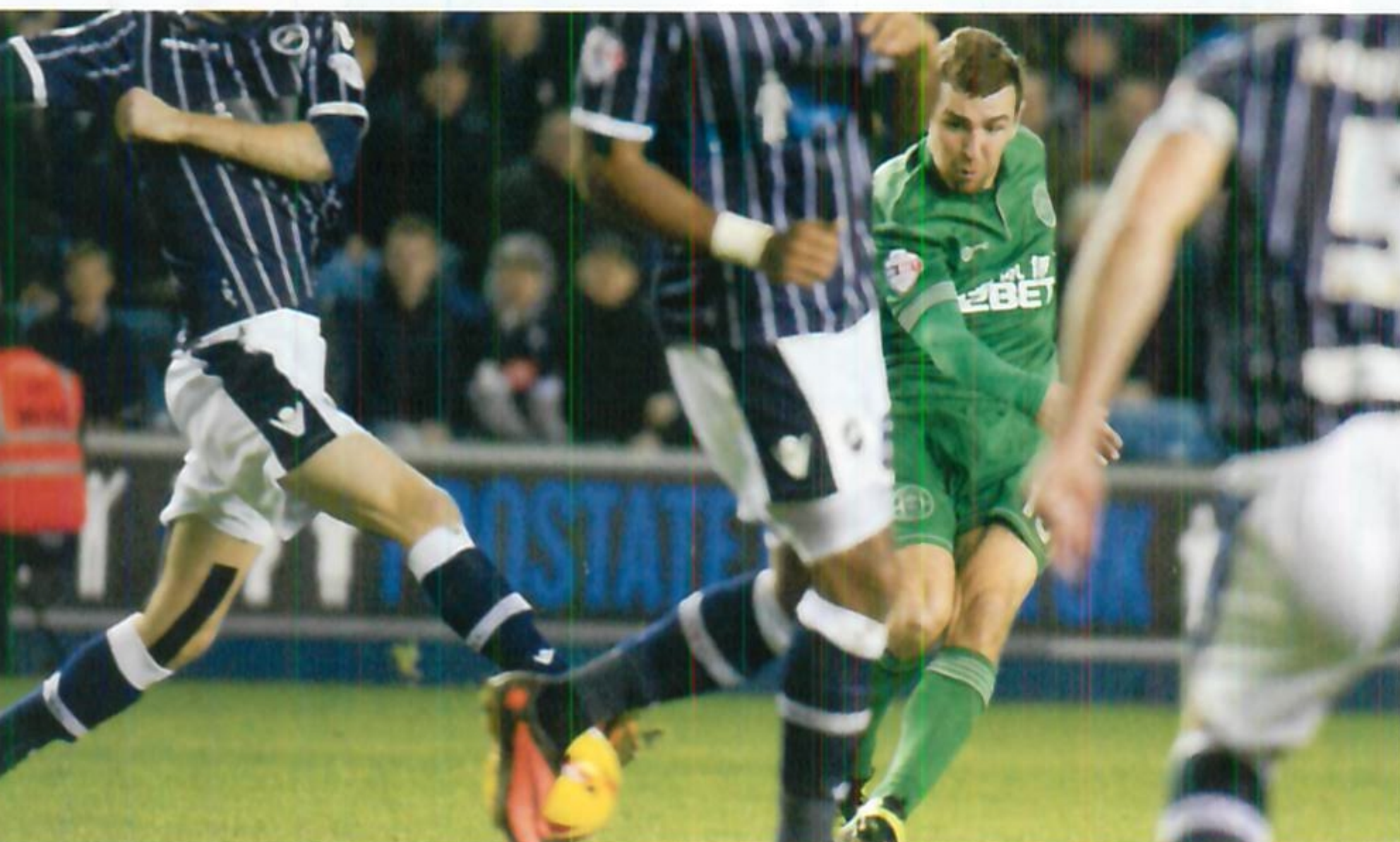
THROUGH THE MILL



Saturday 7 December 2013
Venue: The New Den
Attendance: 9,519
Referee: Scott Duncan

Millwall 2
Morison 2
Easter 83

Wigan Athletic 1
McArthur 84



▶ James McArthur strikes home his first goal of the season, but it's not enough to claw back a result for Latics



▶ Chris McCann gets the team moving forward

Lineups

Millwall: Forde; Dunne, Robinson, Beevers, Malone, Feeney (Keogh, 67), Abdou, Trotter, Woolford, Waghorn (Easter, 79), Morison

Subs: Bywater, Shittu, Moussi, Hoyte, McDonald

Wigan Athletic: Carson; Barnett, Ramis, McCann, Boyce (Shotton, 77), Crainey (Espinoza, 81), Watson, McArthur, McClean, Powell (McManaman, 54), Holt

Subs: Nicholls, Gomez, Perch, Keane

Quotes

"It's obviously very frustrating that we're not able to get the results we feel we deserve of late, but it's something we're going to have to keep trying at until we get it right. Again, today we've been the better side for the majority but couldn't take the chances when they came our way and conceded a couple of poor goals. Things will improve and I'm sure the new Gaffer is going to bring a real fresh feeling to the place, so hopefully our luck will change very soon."

Grant Holt



► Ivan Ramis came through 90 minutes for the third time in a week



► James McClean was a threat throughout the afternoon

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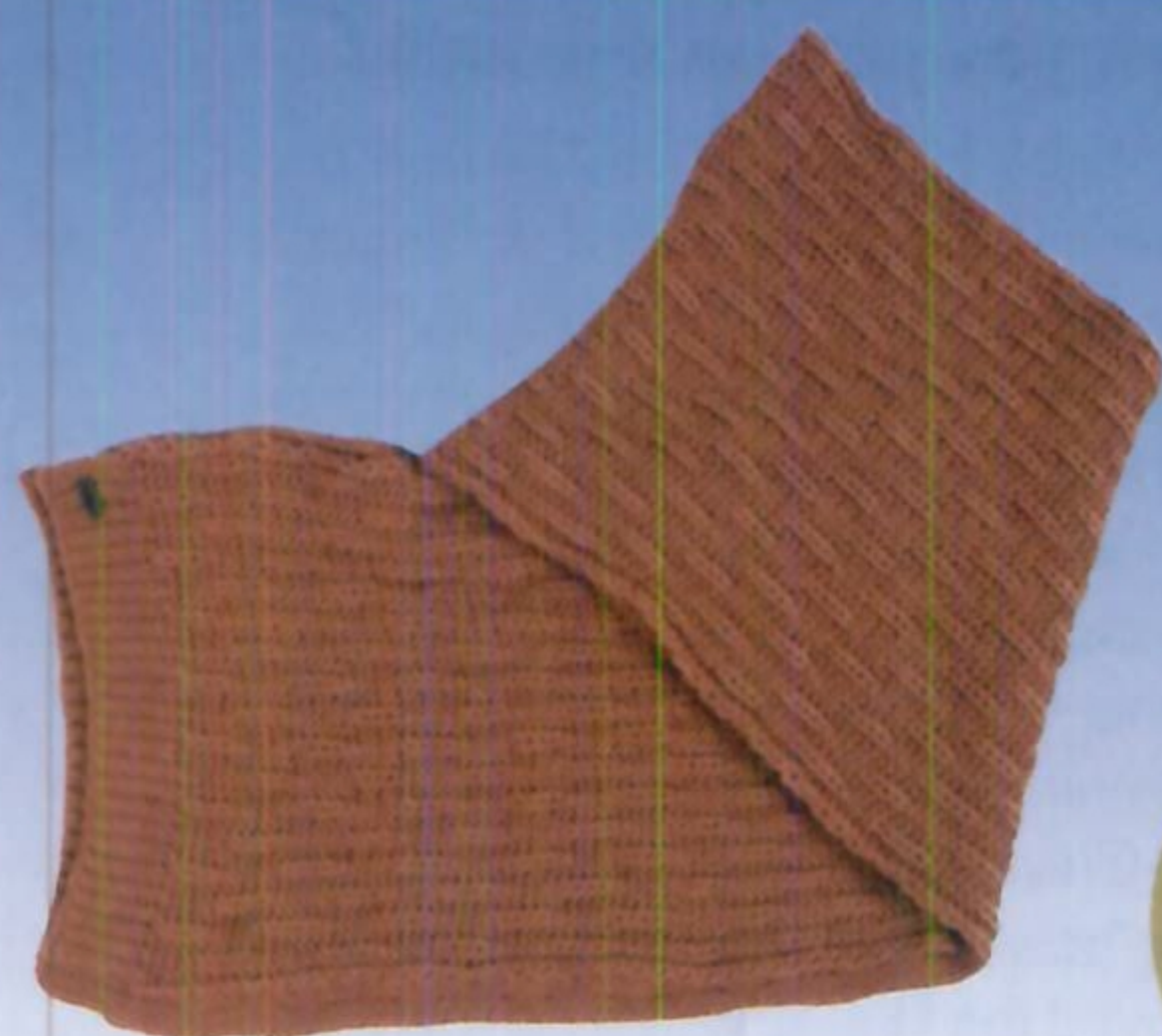
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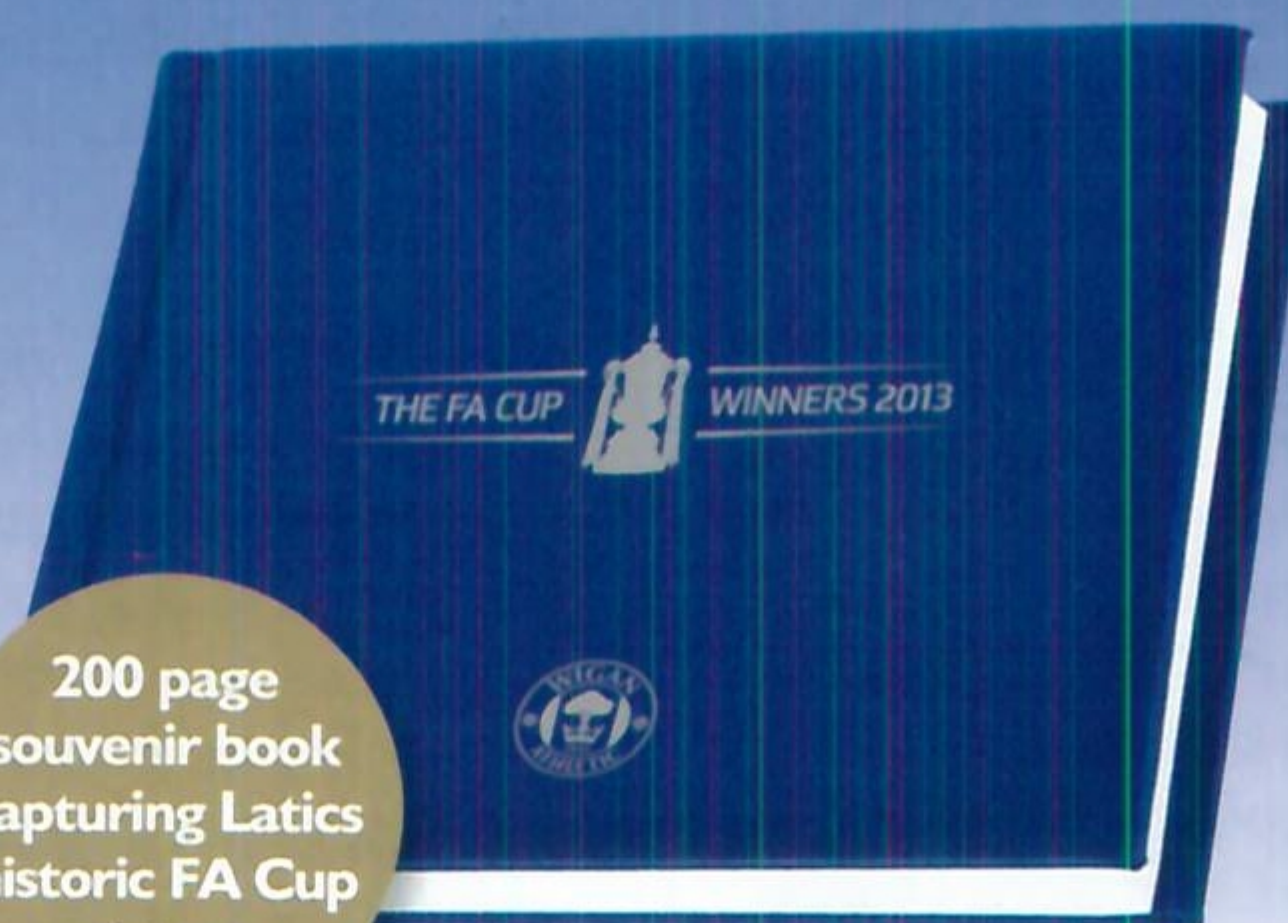
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“I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT”



Six years on after leaving Wigan Athletic, fans' favourite Lee McCulloch talks about the rollercoaster ride he's been on with boyhood club Rangers, his memories of the Latics-Bolton derby day encounters and why away fans might want to keep their eyes peeled...

So Lee, six years on, how's life been Rangers?

“Fantastic. When I first arrived at the club I was playing Champions League football, winning trophies every season and loving life at the club I supported as a boy. What has happened since has been unbelievable; one minute you're playing the best teams from around Europe, lifting silverware at Hampden Park and the next minute the club comes close to shutting down altogether. Over the last few years it has needed people to stand up and go the extra mile in supporting the club and for me it felt as though the right thing to do was to stay and do everything I could to help get it back to where it should be. We've got a good manager at the helm in Ally McCoist, someone who is Rangers through and through who has been there for the club when it would have been very easy to walk away. When the club was fighting to come out of administration many of us were working with pay; we took that decision believing it was what the club needed to get itself straight again and in the end we got there. With him in charge, the group of players we have here and the supporters behind us we're going in the right direction. We've just set a new club record of 20 league wins on the bounce which is something we're all proud of, especially me as captain. We need to keep winning, keep climbing through the divisions and hopefully, before long, we'll be back in the top flight and the Champions League.”

Given everything you achieved at the JJB Stadium, and the high regard with which the fans here hold you in, how difficult was it to leave?

“It wasn't easy, but the opportunity to play for the team you supported as a kid and to be closer with your family was too good to turn down. Having said that, I still miss the club a lot; the people, the place, and the dressing room we had, everything was brilliant and I loved every minute of it. Everyone says it's a family club, and it's true; there are still people there who I'm in touch with, people who have been there long before I arrived and are still doing their best for the club. I left Wigan Athletic on good terms which was very important to me because the club came to mean so much and although I've been invited down a few times to matches it's always come when I've had a game to play so for whatever reason I've not quite managed to make it back.”

You helped Wigan Athletic reach the Premier League and went on to make over 200 league appearances whilst here, are you proud at the mark you left on the club?

“Absolutely. From the first day I arrived I knew I was at a good club and with Paul Jewell in charge we headed up through the leagues and into the top flight and all the way to the Carling Cup Final, it was an incredible journey. I remember the stadium bouncing the day we beat Reading to secure promotion and all the players that day were proud to say they played for Wigan Athletic, it was a special moment. What was special was that with every step up the football ladder we went with winning the Second Division and then going up from the Championship, you could see the crowds growing, getting noisier and everything building into something amazing. I loved the fans at Wigan Athletic, they were brilliant, especially the ones who came on the road with us up and down the country making so much noise and getting behind us. I want to thank them for all the support they gave me and the rest of the lads because it never went unnoticed, and one day I will get back to see them and I want to go to an away game with the fans and share the experience with them.”



THE RANGERS SKIPPER HOISTS THE SCOTTISH THIRD DIVISION TROPHY ALOFT AT THE END OF LAST SEASON



McCULLOCH LIFTS THE SECOND DIVISION TROPHY ALOFT AFTER SUCCESS IN THE 2002/03 CAMPAIGN



CELEBRATING PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE IN 2005

Emmerson Boyce and Mike Pollitt are the two players still here from your time at the club, what do you remember of them?

"Two great lads. 'Boycey' was a good guy, a family man who had a bit of banter in the dressing room – although it's probably a bit louder as it was back then! 'Polly' was, and I'm sure still is, a big part of the dressing room. Always laughing and joking, up to no good with the likes of Jimmy Bullard, Leighton Baines and Alan Mahon but always reliable on the pitch. I've heard that Boycey is closing in on my appearance record for the club which I think is brilliant and I hope he surpasses it this season because he deserves it. For me he goes down as one of the legends of Wigan Athletic; a fantastic player, great attitude and very underrated in my opinion. I remember watching him in his first training session with the club after he signed; he was quick, strong and good with the ball and hopefully there's more to come from him because the club needs players like Boycey."

What was it like watching him and Mike lifting the FA Cup back in May?

"I was at a function when the Final was on, so I was jumping from one room to the next to see how the game was going with my father and my brothers, and by the time Ben Watson scored that goal we had half the people there around the TV watching the game supporting Wigan Athletic! When it went in we all went crazy, we were over the moon and because the team had strong Scottish links with the likes of Gary Caldwell, James McArthur and James McCarthy everyone there was made up. I remember playing against the two James' when we played Hamilton and you could see they would go on to bigger things in their career, so to see them both at my former club was great."

It's Derby Day on Sunday, you had some good times playing against Bolton didn't you?

"Yeah I did. I also had some good memories playing against Preston before we got promoted, so derby days were quite good for me at Wigan Athletic. The one game that sticks out is the win we had at the Reebok Stadium in our second season in the Premier League. We won 1-0 and I got the goal in front of the away end and our supporters which was a brilliant feeling. The games I played in were always hotly contested, the fans always make for a good atmosphere, and hopefully on Sunday with the added spice of a new man in charge of the club they can make it another derby to remember."

The season hasn't gone the way we had planned of late, do you still see the potential in the team to get back to the Premier League?

"Absolutely. The new manager coming in will bring a fresh feeling about the place and with a few results behind them it should set them on their way to getting back to where the club belongs. It might be late December but there's still so much that can happen between now and the end of the campaign, it's far too early to call anything right now. I've always felt that the teams who find form after the Christmas period are the ones who are in the top spots at the business end of the season and Wigan Athletic have the players to be there so fingers crossed that it happens for them."

McCULLOCH THE MATCHWINNER AGAINST BOLTON BACK IN 2006





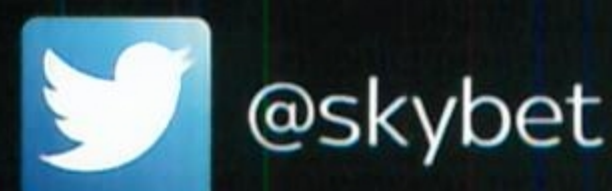
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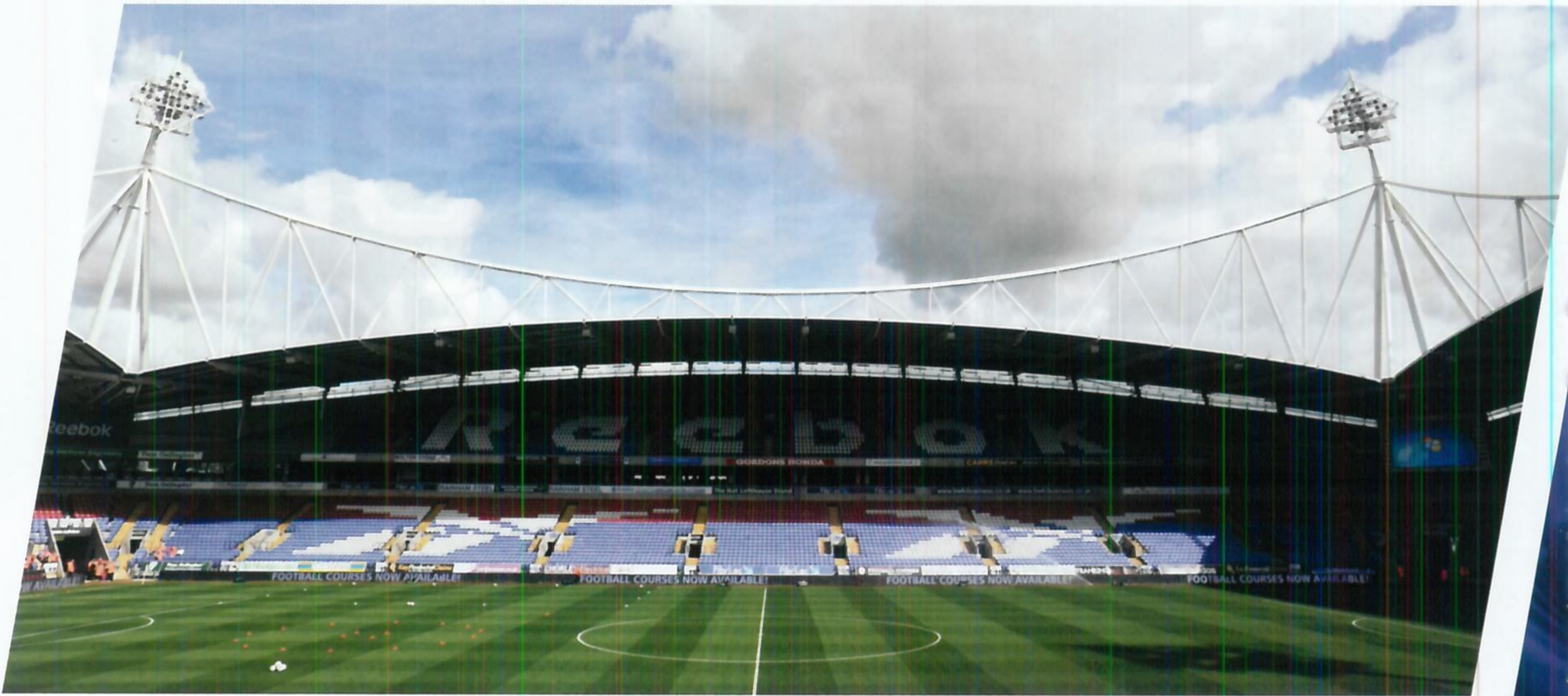
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Last Season

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Nickname: The Trotters	FA Cup: Fourth Round	03/12/13	L Huddersfield Town	26/12/13	Barnsley (A)
Ground: The Reebok Stadium	Capital One Cup: Second Round	07/12/13	W Doncaster Rovers	29/12/13	Leicester City (A)



Much was expected of Dougie Freedman's team after their late surge last season narrowly missed out on a place in the Play Off places. Nine wins from the last 14 games took Wanderers to seventh place, level on points with sixth place Leicester City but with an inferior goal difference – a 2-2 draw with Blackpool at the Reebok Stadium on the final day not enough to keep alive hopes of a return to the Premier League a season after dropping out of the top flight.

However, despite being tipped as one of the Championship favourites at the beginning of this campaign, their early form faltered, not recording a victory until travelling to Birmingham City at the beginning of October, eleven games in - summer signings Jermaine Beckford and Neil Danns finding the back of the net to get Wanderers finally up and running.

Since then, Freedman's side have found consistency going unbeaten in the following five matches and winning

three, against Bournemouth, Millwall and Watford before back-to-back defeats at the hands of Middlesbrough and Huddersfield Town.

Currently occupying 15th place in the Championship, Bolton's away form has been stronger than their home record, picking up three wins on the road compared to just one at the Reebok Stadium prior to welcoming Doncaster to their home last weekend.

This afternoon they return to the DW Stadium for the first time since October 2011, when David Ngog, Chris Eagles and a Gary Caldwell own goal saw the away side leave with all three points for the first time in four years.

It is the 33rd league meeting between the two sides, with Latics just edging the overall record with 12 wins to Bolton's 11.



The number of points Bolton Wanderers have collected on the road from a possible 27



Scout Report

Line up from Bolton Wanderers's last game against Middlesbrough

① Bogdan			
①7 McNaughton	①2 Knight	③1 Wheater	①5 Baptiste
②1 Pratley	④4 Medo	⑥ Spearing	②7 Chung-Yong
	⑨ Ngog	⑩ Beckford	

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Jay Spearing and Alex Baptiste have made the most league appearances for Bolton this season, turning out 18 times each. No player has played in all 19 league games.

Manager Dougie Freedman

The former Crystal Palace, Nottingham Forest and Scotland striker took to the helm at Bolton at the beginning of last season following the departure of Owen Coyle from the Reebok Stadium.

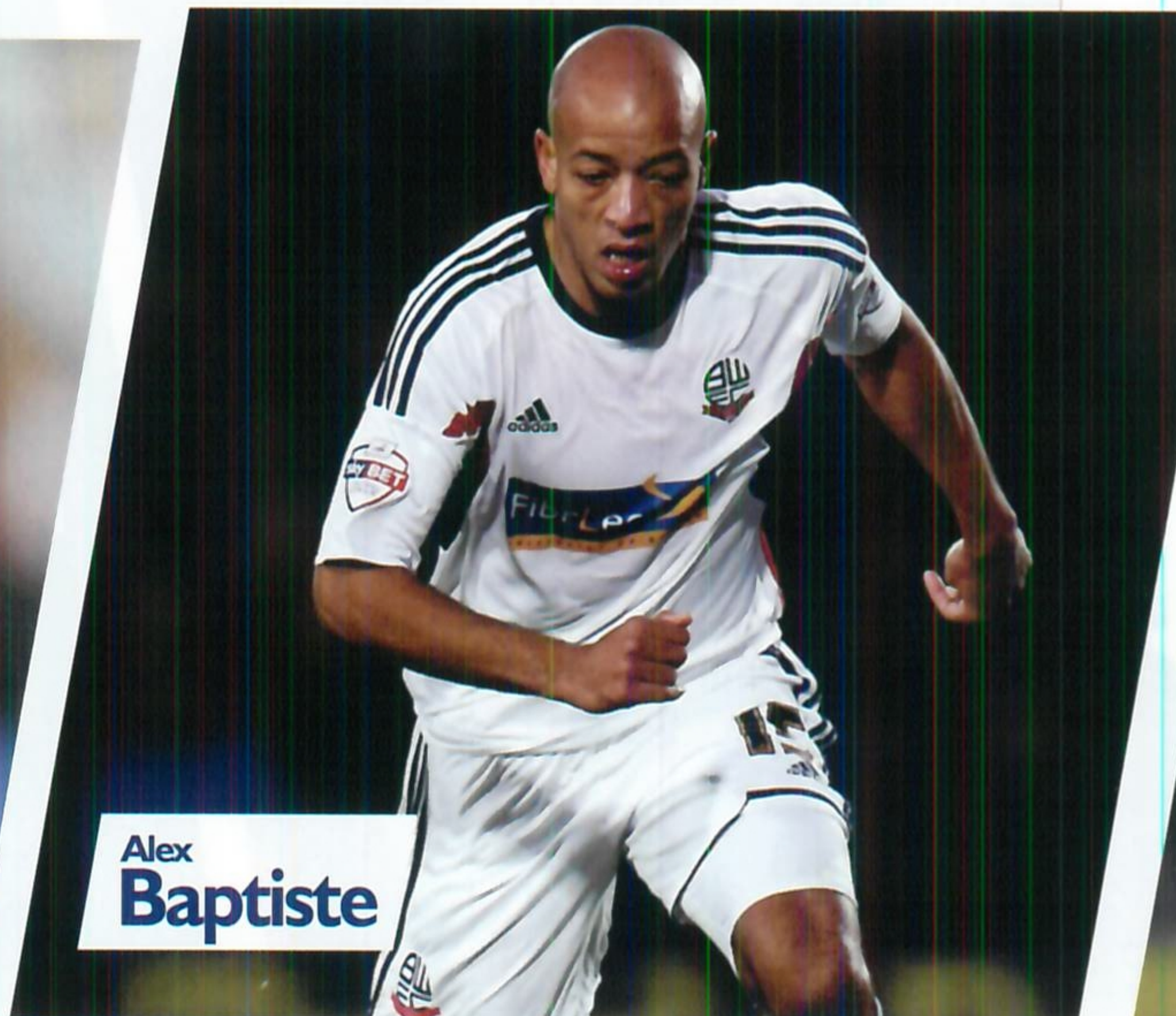
His previous role at Palace had begun towards the end of his playing career, taking charge of the club's reserve team whilst still a player himself, before moving on to play for Southend United in 2008. Two years later he returned to Selhurst Park as assistant manager to Paul Hart, later working alongside George Burley in the dugout before being handed the role himself at the

beginning of 2011. Precariously positioned towards the foot of the Championship, Freedman guided Palace to safety with a game to spare and after a solid start to last season, was offered the role at Bolton, in need of a change in fortunes. Picking up the Championship Manager of the Month award back in April, Freedman had taken the club from 20th place to 7th but missed out on qualification to the playoffs on goal difference. This afternoon he is set to take charge of his 150th game.

Key Players



Adam
Bogdan



Alex
Baptiste

Between the sticks

After patiently waiting for his opportunity as understudy to the likes of Jussi Jasskelainen and Ali Al Habsi, Hungarian international **Adam Bogdan** has now firmly cemented his place as Bolton's number one goalkeeper. Now with 78 league appearances for Bolton to his name, Bogdan has kept two clean sheets this season, in a 0-0 draw with Blackpool at Bloomfield Road in October and in Bolton's recent 3-0 victory over Doncaster Rovers at the Reebok Stadium. Former Preston North End and Leeds United keeper Andy Lonergan provides the backup between the sticks, joining the club at the beginning of last season, and has been involved this campaign, making six league appearances in Bogdan's recent absence.

At the back

There are plenty of options for Dougie Freedman to select from at the back, experienced options too. Now in his fifth season at the club, former Aston Villa centre half **Zat Knight** is a regular in the line-up and two games away from his 150th league appearance for the club, making 13 appearances in all competitions so far this season. He is joined by the likes of **Alex Baptiste** whose three goals in 19 appearances this season have helped him make the right impression following his summer move from Blackpool, and Cardiff full-back **Kevin McNaughton** who joined the club on loan in September. Former Middlesbrough trainee David Wheater made his club debut against Latics in an FA Cup tie back in January 2011, but has since made just 42 league appearances for the club, seven of which coming this term. The competition has come from players such as former Norwich City man **Marc Tierney**, USA international **Tim Ream** and **Matt Mills** who has 13 league appearances to his name this season so far.



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Jermaine Beckford is the Trotters' leading scorer so far this season with five goals



Jay
Spearing



Jermaine
Beckford

In the middle

Former Swansea City man **Darren Pratley** has ten league appearances, two goals and one red card to his name this season, competing with Sierra Leone international **Medo** and **Jay Spearing** in the centre of midfield. Able to play in the middle or at the back, Medo is in his first full season at the club after arriving from Partizan back in January and scored his second club goal against Ipswich at the Reebok earlier this season. Together with Alex Baptiste, Spearing is the most regular name on the team sheet this season with 17 league appearances prior to last weekend's game against Doncaster. Now in his third season at the club, **Chris Eagles** continues to provide the threat on the wing, scoring on his last visit here at the DW Stadium and with one goal so far this season against Derby at home. Other attacking threats come from South Korea international **Chung-Yong Lee** and on loan **Neil Danns** who played against Latics for Huddersfield in the FA Cup last season.

Up Front

The acquisition of **Jermaine Beckford** from Leicester City has proved to be a shrewd piece of business by Dougie Freedman which has so far returned six goals in all competitions, five of which coming in the last eight games. The former Leeds United and Everton front man's record speaks for itself, with 111 goals in 214 league career starts. His support comes in the form of **David Ngog**, who found the net at the DW Stadium when the two sides last met in 2011 and has scored one goal this season against Bournemouth. The French forward signed for around £4million from Liverpool back in 2011 so far returning 12 goals from 78 league appearances. **Rob Hall** made his loan spell at the club permanent over the summer, completing his move from West Ham United and scoring on his debut against Shrewsbury in the Capital One Cup. His first league strike came in the recent 3-1 victory over Millwall.

Spot Light on TIM REAM

Pat Brennan of Buckeye Sports Bulletin, part of Columbus Sports Publications in the USA, tracks the career and progression of Bolton Wanderer's defender, talking to one man who played a key role in Ream's development, Kevin Kalish

Midwestern America is fertile ground for developing footballers, and even in that talent-rich environment, Bolton Wanderers' defender Tim Ream was able to set himself apart as a youth.

Once described by a youth coach and friend as a "late bloomer" in terms of his footballing development, Ream honed the skills he now uses to much success at the Reebok Stadium back in America's heartland.

There, as a native of St. Louis, Missouri, he learned the composure, confidence and, above all, the technical ability that has allowed him to earn a place in Bolton's starting XI, as well as United States national team consideration.

Kevin Kalish, 36, of Florissant, Missouri, has made a career of surveying and harvesting the fertile football grounds of the Midwestern America. Currently the head coach of the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville men's soccer team of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Kalish served as technical director at the St. Louis Scott Gallagher youth club, and helped play a critical role in Ream's development.

Kalish was involved with Ream from age 12 up to the U18 level, and said that after a "late bloom," Ream advanced far beyond his peers at a rapid rate.

"(Ream) wasn't the most athletic or physical player compared to his peers," Kalish said. "There were a lot of players in his age group with similar technique and ability, but Tim just kept getting better and better as the years went on."

As the years rolled, Ream learned to harness his left foot as a tool to be used in each third of the pitch. He was primarily a left back during his youth years, Kalish said, but Ream was encouraged to join the attack as a result of his ball striking and passing ability. As he became increasingly composed on the ball, Ream found himself in the starting lineup at midfield and forward positions, too.

"He grew into that versatile role over time," Kalish said. "I don't think anyone could have predicted it or expected it. It's a credit to him. His composure, his reading of the game and his skill on the ball is quite unique."

The composure, confidence and ability to pass accurately across long distances became the hallmarks of Ream's game, and he successfully plied these attributes as a four-year member of the 10-time NCAA champion St. Louis University's men's soccer program. Ream's versatile skill set earned him the 2009 Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year Award after a season in which he contributed a career-high six goals and five assists while helping his hometown Billikens to post seven shutouts.

Then, Ream was on to Major League Soccer's New York Red Bulls where, in 2010, he was a finalist for the league's Rookie of the Year Award. During two seasons at Red Bull Arena, he made 58 appearances and scored one goal.

Now, you can catch Ream sporting the No. 5 shirt as he anchors Bolton's backline. He made his Premier League debut for the club in February 2012 (3-0 loss to Chelsea), and it's the wide array of skills learned by Ream in Midwest America that has allowed him to remain a familiar face at the Reebok Stadium

"For him to make it to the EPL level, we're just very impressed," Kalish said. "He's a guy that a lot of us have respect for the way he's gone about his business."



Five of the Best



GLOBE TROTTERS

Latics' beginnings in the Premier League coincided with somewhat of a golden era for Bolton who, under Sam Allardyce were regulars in the top half of the table and twice qualified for the UEFA Cup, in 2005 and 2008 following impressive league finishes. During their first stint in the competition they reached the final 32, having come through the group stages unbeaten before dropping out at the hands of Marseille. Two seasons later they were back and ready to go one step further. Again unbeaten in the group stage, including a 2-2 draw away to Bayern Munich, featuring Latics goalkeeper Ali Al Habsi, they this time reached the final 16, progressing past Atletico Madrid in the knockouts but unable to prevent a 2-1 aggregate defeat to Sporting Lisbon.



FINAL DAY DRAMA

Dougie Freedman's impact at Wanderers very nearly inspired promotion to the Premier League last season, as his side finished with a flourish only to fall short at the final hurdle. With nine wins from 13 games heading into the curtain drawer against Blackpool at The Reebok Stadium, a win would have seen them qualify for the play offs. Trailing 2-0 in the first half, they managed to pull things back shortly before the break, but couldn't find a third goal and agonisingly missed out on goal difference.



CULT HERO

So good they named him twice, or so Bolton fans will tell you when describing the influence Nigeria legend Jay-Jay Okocha had on the team during his four years at the club. Signed by Sam Allardyce from Paris Saint-Germain the midfielder had every trick up his sleeve and would often bamboozle defenders with his combination of step overs and tricky flicks down in the final third. As captain, he led them to the final of the 2004 League Cup Final and altogether made 124 league appearances with 14 goals before moving on to join Qatar SC.



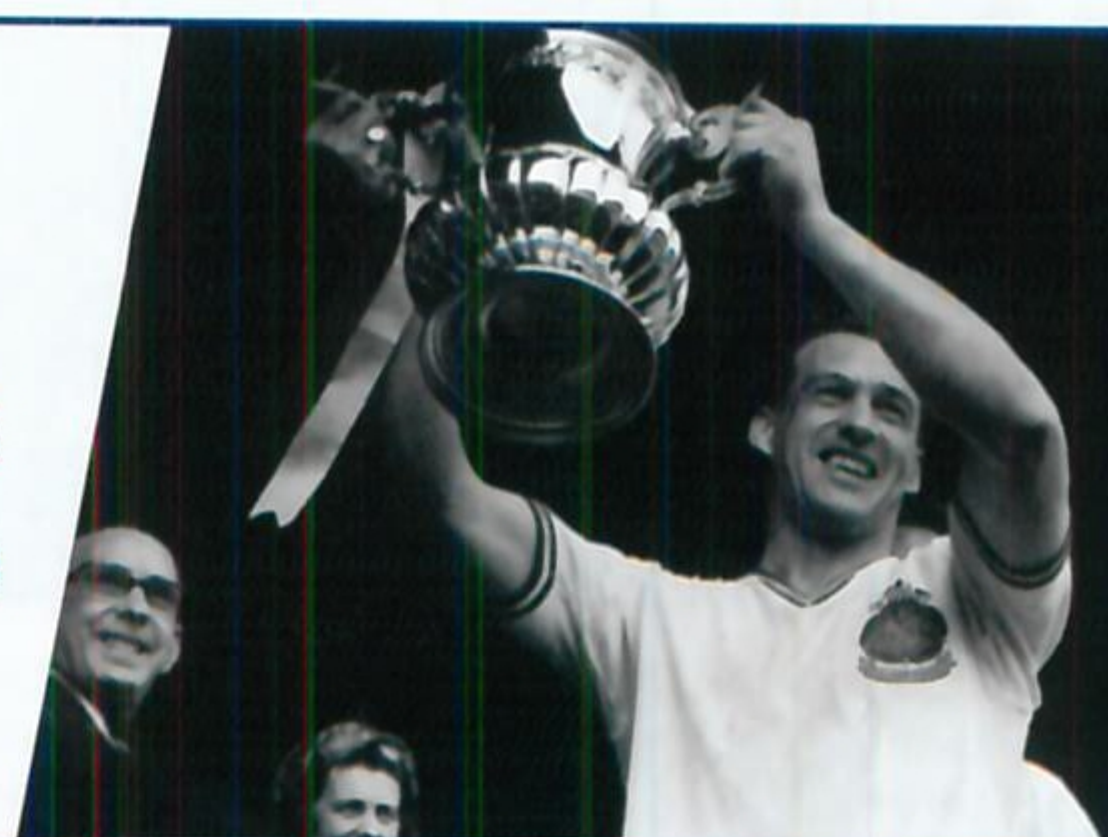
BEST SEASON

What a way to respond after relegation, with a barnstorming campaign that blew away opposition in the old first division back in 1996/97. John McGinlay finished top scorer in the league that season with 24 goals for Colin Todd's side, helping Wanderers accrue 98 points and top spot – the first time they had been crowned divisional champions since 1978. With just one defeat at home all campaign, they finished with a staggering 18-point gap between themselves and second place Barnsley.



THE BIG ONE

May 3 1958, a famous date in Bolton's history and the day Bobby Charlton and Manchester United had no answer for Nat Lofthouse at Wembley in the FA Cup Final. The Bolton legend scored twice as Wanderers lifted the cup for the fourth time, having been a part of the Bolton side that famously lost in the 'Stanley Matthews Final' five years earlier. This final came just three months after the Munich air disaster, and United fielded just four survivors from the devastation, six players who had featured in the previous year's final against Aston Villa had lost their life in the crash.



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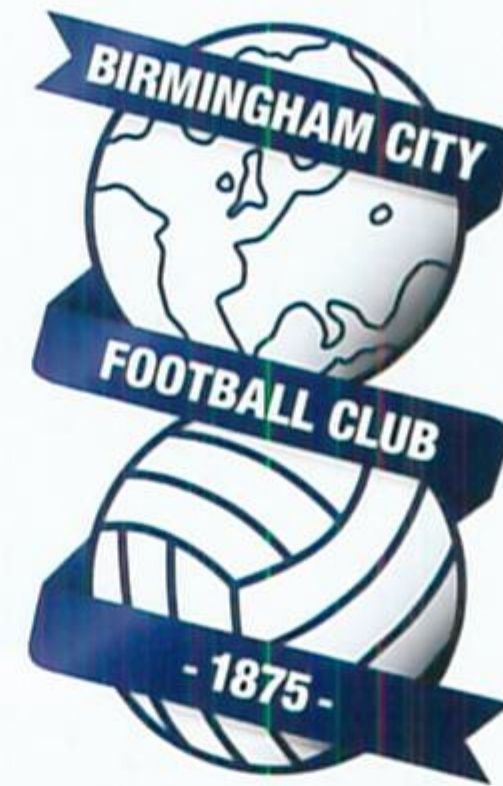
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A crucial goal in Latics' fight for survival in the 2011/12 season, as James McArthur celebrates his winner at the Reebok. Victor Moses' solo run produced a good save from Adam Bogdan, but the Scotland international was on hand to finish the rebound with fellow compatriot Gary Caldwell heading in the opener in the first half before a Mark Davies equaliser in the second. Latics had a former Wanderers man in goal (Ali Al Habsi), whilst the home side had a future Latics man in theirs (Ryo Miyaichi).





Latics Landmarks

~ 1985 ~



1985, Freight Rover Final

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Latics manager Bryan Hamilton lifts the trophy with Graham Barrow after the club wins its first silverware at Wembley, thanks to goals from Mike Newell, Tony Kelly and David Lowe in the scorching June heat.

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ESPINOZA IN ACTION AGAINST MEXICO DURING A TOUGH, BUT SUCCESSFUL, QUALIFICATION CAMPAIGN

Honduras international Roger Espinoza can't wait to sample the World Cup for a second time next summer, when Honduras travel to Brazil to make up Group E along with Switzerland, Ecuador and, in their opening game, 1998 winners France

First of all Roger, what was your reaction to the draw?

"It's a tough one. It could have been much worse but the teams we have to take on will all be hoping of making the knockout stages just like us. We played Switzerland back in 2010 so we know about their qualities, Ecuador, like us, will be well acclimatised to the South American conditions so they'll be a team to look out for and everyone knows how strong France can be despite their poor recent record in the qualifiers. But I'm sure they'll look at us as a tough team to beat as well so we have to make sure that's exactly what we are, we want to go further than we did in South Africa and we feel we have a good chance of doing that."

When did you see the draw?

"On the coach to Millwall. We had it on another player's iPad and were watching it all take place. Jean (Beausejour) was close by and watched as Chile were drawn with Holland and Spain, so he knows how tough it will be for his team to qualify, but I think Chile have grown massively in recent years and have got a great chance of going through. I've spoken with Wilson (Palacios) about the group and he can't wait to play France in the opening game, it's going to be a great occasion for our nation once again."

Is it an advantage playing the group favourites in the first game, hoping to catch them before they find any kind of rhythm?

"Maybe it could help us, but it will be played in Porto Alegre where the conditions are not as severe as some people have made out. Manaus, where we play Switzerland and England play Italy, will be a really challenging environment because of

the heat and the humidity. If you're not used to it like most European clubs won't be then it can really have an effect on your performance – hopefully we're more accustomed to it than Switzerland are. It's a winter World Cup, like in South Africa, but the country is so vast that the conditions in one game can be very different to another being played at the same time in a different city.

Given that 2010 was the nation's first experience of a World Cup Finals how big of an achievement was it to make another competition and what did you learn from four years ago?

"It was a major achievement, something I'm sure many people didn't think would happen. The qualification rounds were tough, and there were times when it looked as though it might not happen, but we kept believing and in the end got our rewards.

"South Africa was an unbelievable experience, I loved every minute of it and as soon as I stepped out for our first game I instantly felt a better player for taking in everything that comes with a World Cup; the excitement, the build-up, the expectation, the atmosphere, everything has a real sense of occasion around it and I can't wait to do it all again. Going on from that to the Olympic Games last year has helped me develop so much as an individual, I went back to my club team Sporting Kansas City feeling a totally different player, ready to be someone who sets the example for those younger players coming through and raising the bar as far as selection for the national team goes. I think every player comes away from this competition feeling ten times better."

So who do you think will lift the cup then?

"Honduras. I have to say that and who knows what could happen, Wigan Athletic won the FA Cup so why not? Apart from us... I would say you're looking at the South American teams like Brazil and Argentina to make the biggest impact because of the conditions. One of the European superpowers might do it, Spain or Germany could prevail despite that, but it would take some doing, so I don't think the cup would come back to Europe again."





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DEFENSIVE DUO

Latics stars Thomas Rogne and James Perch visited pupils at Hope High School in November to pass on their expertise.

The players were there to help deliver the first session of the Wigan Athletic Community Trust schools coaching programme for young people with disabilities in association with Barratt Manchester's Legacy programme.

Housebuilder Barratt Homes stepped in to partner with the Latics to revive the schools coaching programme after the Trust's original funding for the Just Join In scheme ended.

Now the Community Trust is able to send qualified coaches out to five schools in Wigan for pupils with special educational needs on a weekly basis.

Thomas and James took part in some training drills with pupils and a keepy up challenge before signing autographs and posing for photographs.

Stephen Fairclough-Speed, Sales Advisor at Barratt's Blundell's Wood development in Wigan said he was proud to see the pupils benefiting from the support from Barratt Homes.

"The Barratt Manchester Legacy programme is about developing and building communities," he said.

"Our partnership with Wigan Athletic Community Trust is about supporting the community in Wigan and I feel happy that we could help to achieve that."

Head of Community at Wigan Athletic Community Trust Tom Flower said: ***"We are very grateful for the support of Barratt Homes."***

"Having Thomas and James come to Hope School was a great way to kick off the scheme and our coaches are looking forward to working with all the SEN schools in Wigan."

For more information about the Just Join In programme please contact Chris Baxter on 01942 488 530 or e-mail c.baxter@wiganathleticct.com.





ON YOUR MARKS: GRANT HOLT PREPARES THE RUNNERS

WIGAN ATHLETICS

Wigan Athletic stars Grant Holt and James McArthur were joined by Wigan Olympian Jenny Meadows to launch a new scheme designed to get more young people physically active through athletics.

"It is fantastic to see young people enjoying athletics, something which has brought me so much success and enjoyment so far in my career."

With support from the Premier League and Sport England, Wigan Athletic Community Trust has been running the Premier League 4 Sport programme since 2009.

Each week over 400 young people take part in basketball, table tennis, badminton and volleyball coaching and the Trust has just added tennis and athletics to its offer.

Premier League 4 Sport Co-ordinator Chris Pearce said: *"To have someone like Jenny come to sessions to help inspire young athletes was fantastic."*

"Grant and James got stuck in as well and hopefully athletics will prove to be just as successful as the other sports we deliver through Premier League 4 Sport."

For more information about the Premier League 4 Sport programme please contact Chris Pearce on 01942 488 530 or e-mail c.pearce@wiganathleticct.com.



JAV A GO HERO JAMES McARTHUR TAKES PART IN THE JAVELIN

The event was part of the Premier League 4 Sport scheme organised by Wigan Athletic Community Trust which uses the branding of Wigan Athletic to encourage young people between the ages of 14 – 18 to take part in more sport.

Jenny, who competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and is a former 800 metres World and European Championship medallist, helped to coach a group of young people from Deanery High School at the Robin Park's Arena.

During the coaching session Latics players Grant and James acted as timekeepers for the running races before having a go at javelin throwing for themselves.

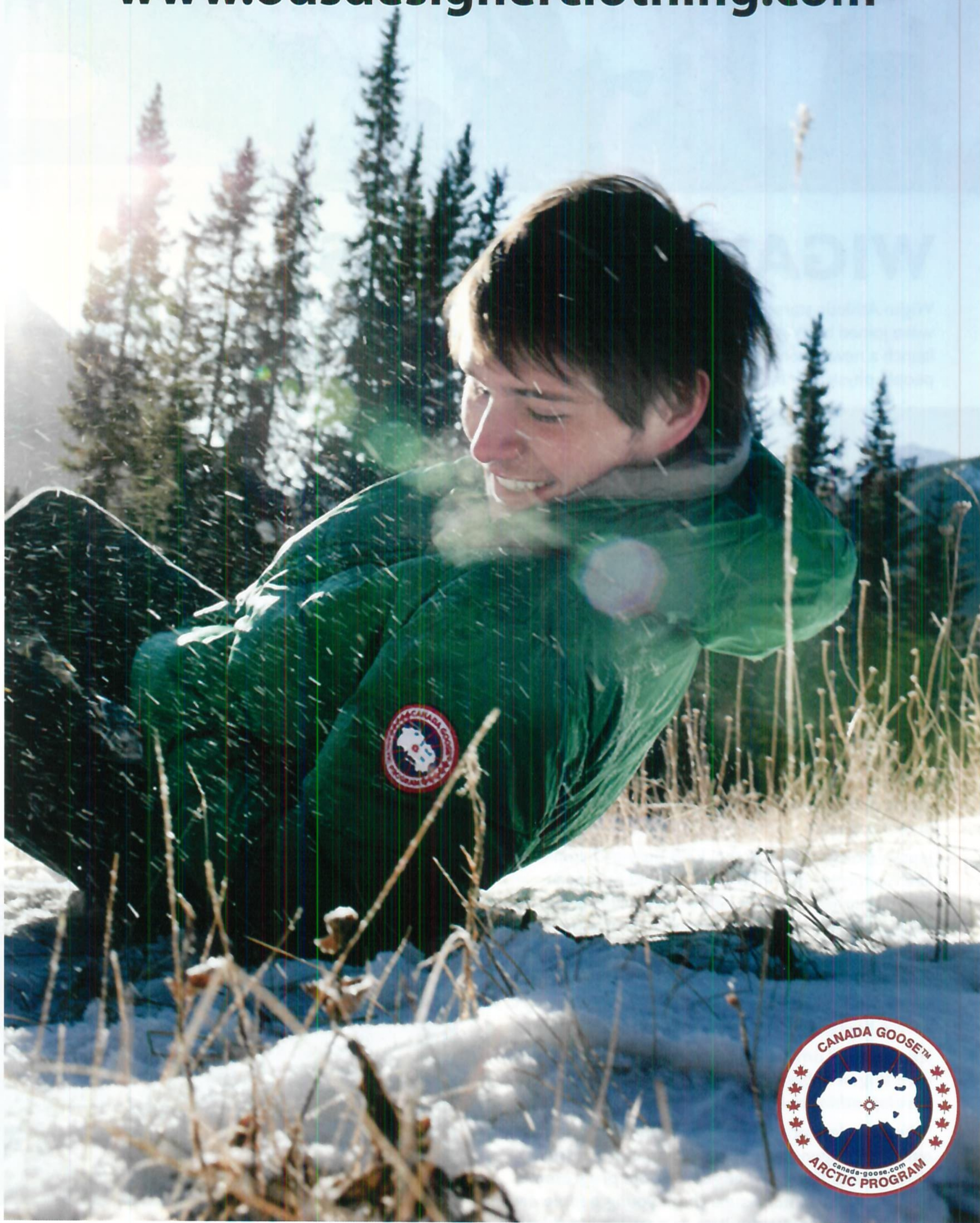
Jenny said: *"I am really pleased to be able to work with Wigan Athletic Community Trust to help develop athletics here in Wigan."*

"We have lots of talented young athletes in the area and with Wigan Athletic providing extra sessions through the Premier League 4 Sport programme I really want to make sure these young people are given as many opportunities as possible in athletics."



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MATCHDAY MASCOTS



◀ **Leon Bradburn**
Aged 10

Favourite players:
Callum McManaman
Score prediction:
2-1 to Latics

Favourite Mascot: Phoenix

Favourite Computer Game: Call of Duty: Black Ops 2

Favourite Food: Pizza & Chips



◀ **Katie Lamb**
Aged 6

Favourite player:
Emmerson Boyce
Score prediction:
8-0 to Latics

Favourite Mascot: Blue

Favourite Computer Game: Bin Weevils

Favourite Food: Tuna Pasta

AWAY MASCOT



◀ **Finlay O'Rourke**
Aged 8

QUICK QUIZ

1. Who scored the winning goal for Latics the last time they took on Bolton?
2. Which two English clubs did new Latics Manager Uwe Rosler play for?
3. Who scored the winning goal that last time Latics beat Bolton at home?
4. Which three teams will Roger Espinoza and Juan Carlos Garcia face with Honduras in the group stage of next year's World Cup?
5. Which three teams will Jean Beausejour face with Chile in the group stage of next year's World Cup?

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Can you guess the Brighton & Hove Albion player from the clues below?

CLUES:



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Quick Quiz: 1. James McArthur 2. Manchester City and Southampton 3. Emile Heskey 4. Switzerland, Ecuador, France 5. Spain, Netherlands, Australia



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5 OF THE BEST

James McClean tells us his favourites...



JAMES PERCH

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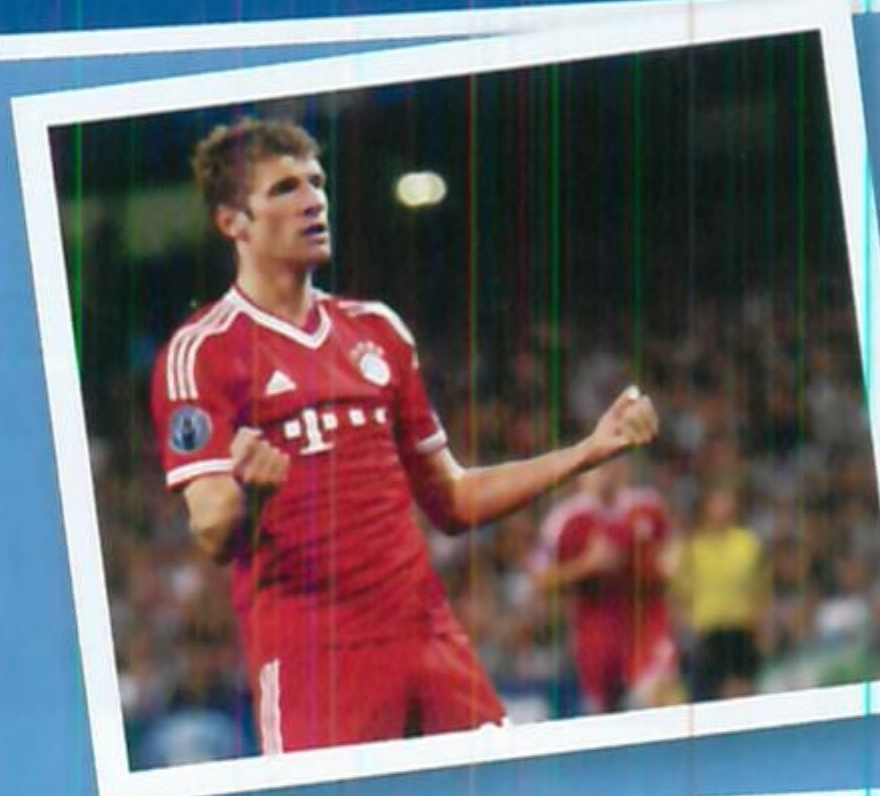
Place of Birth: Winger

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Previous Clubs: Institute, Derry City, Sunderland

TOP 5 GERMAN FOOTBALLERS...

1. Mesut Ozil
2. Toni Kroos
3. Thomas Muller
4. Philip Lahm
5. Sami Khedira



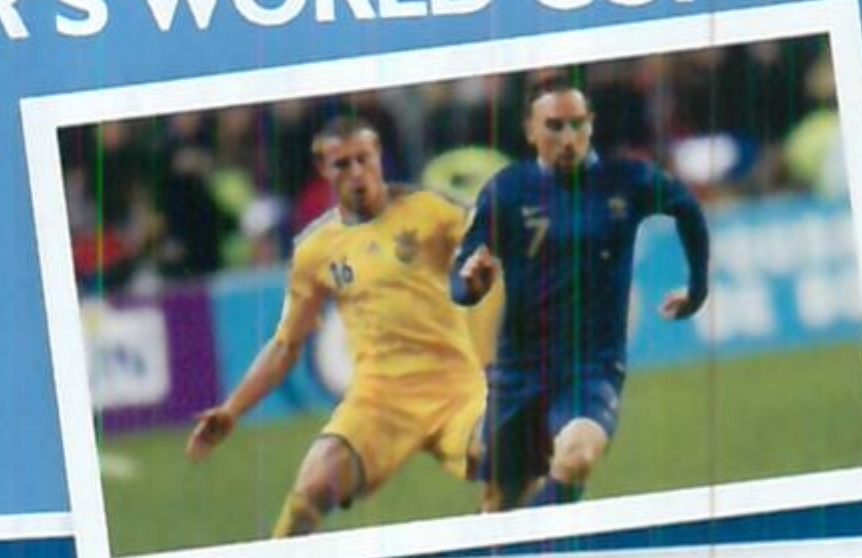
TOP 5 COMPUTER GAMES ...

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TOP 5 PLAYERS TO LOOK OUT FOR AT NEXT SUMMER'S WORLD CUP ...

1. Cristiano Ronaldo
2. Lionel Messi
3. Mesut Ozil
4. Franck Ribery
5. Wayne Rooney



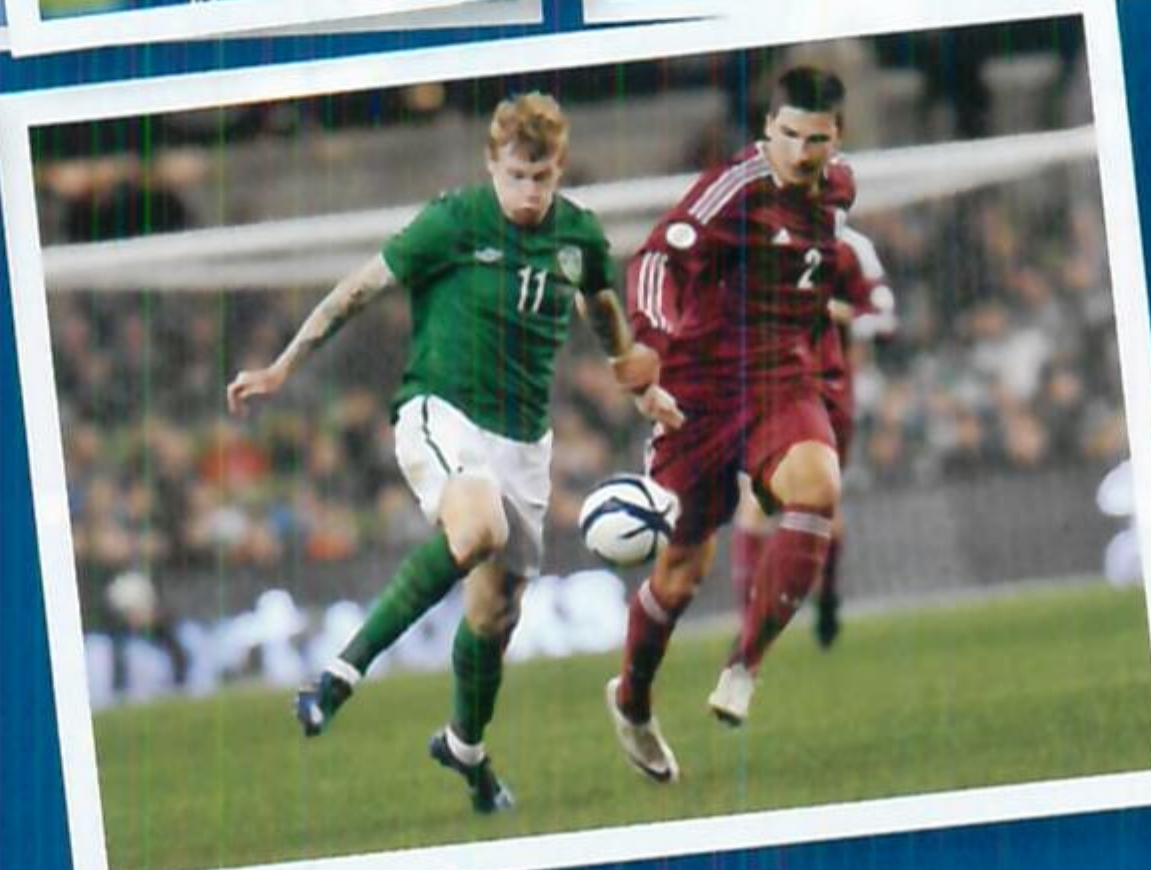
TOP 5 PLAYERS YOU'VE PLAYED AGAINST ...

1. Zlatan Ibrahimovic
2. Robin Van Persie
3. Paul Scholes
4. Ryan Giggs
5. Wayne Rooney



TOP 5 TV SHOWS ...

1. Friends
2. How I Met Your Mother
3. Two and a Half Men
4. One Tree Hill
5. Friday Night Lights





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James McClean



TEAM OF THE WEEK

BEFORE EVERY WIGAN ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, ONE LUCKY JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM HAS THE CHANCE TO BE OUR TEAM OF THE WEEK. YOUR DAY WILL INCLUDE: BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR ON A MATCHDAY, VISITING THE DRESSING ROOM AND MEETING THE MANAGER*, PHOTOGRAPHS – PITCHSIDE, TECHNICAL AREA & DUG-OUT, AUTOGRAPHS FROM THE WIGAN ATHLETIC PLAYERS AS THEY ARRIVE, THE CHANCE TO SEE THE OPPOSING TEAM AS THEY ARRIVE AND MATCH TICKETS FOR UP TO 16 JUNIORS AND 4 ADULTS

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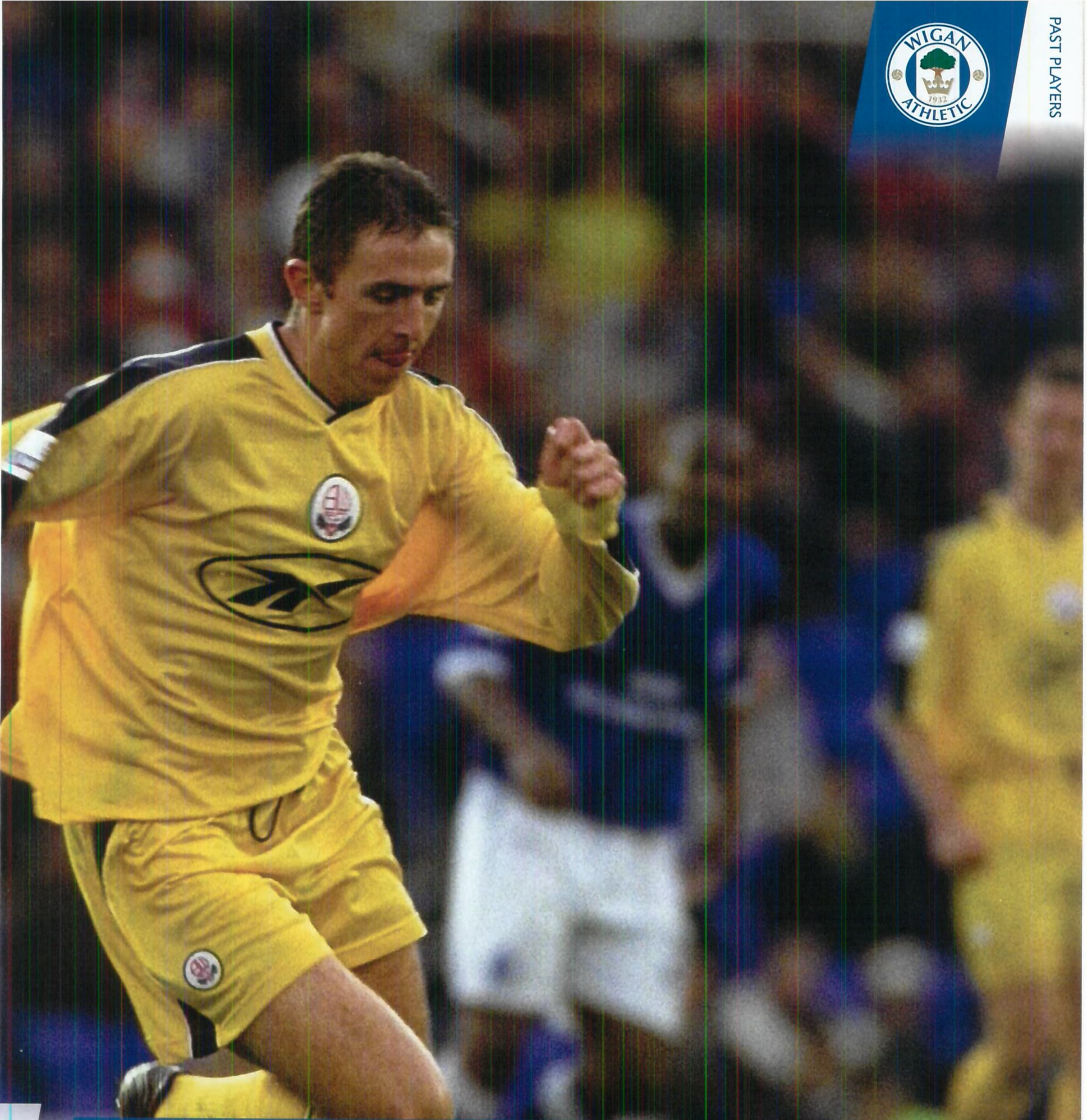
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Swapping Shirts

Two players, linked by Latics but seen here playing for or against one another in another life...



Saturday 4 November 2000 | St. Andrews | Division One

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Birmingham's Nicky Eaden and Bolton's Gareth Farrelly go head-to-head at St. Andrews in a 1-1 draw between the two sides. Eaden was in his first season at the Blues, joining from Barnsley where he had made almost 300 league appearances, and would stay until moving to Latics in 2002, making 122 league appearances whilst at the JJB Stadium, before moving on to play for Nottingham Forest, Lincoln City and Kettering Town. Farrelly, who was playing alongside another future Latics man in the midfield that day – Per Frandsen, was in his second term with Sam Allardyce's team, and would move on to play for Rotherham United, Burnley and Bradford before arriving at Latics in 2004, making just seven league appearances before joining Blackpool.

THEN & NOW

Whatever happened to...

Micky Quinn

WIGAN ATHLETIC 1979-82

He was one of the most notorious footballers of his generation: a prolific, larger than life striker from Liverpool whose physique was usually mentioned alongside his undoubted talent as a predatory goalscorer; most of the time by himself – he even named his (excellent, by the way) autobiography, 'Who Ate All The Pies'! That says it all.

Quinny is usually associated with a host of other clubs as you will see over the next two pages but his talent was first picked up by Latics' manager Ian McNeill, who offered him a second chance when he switched his apprenticeship from Derby County to Wigan Athletic. He scored on his debut as a raw 17 year old in April 1980. His first full season saw him bag 14 league goals but for whatever reason he only managed four the next season, as Larry Lloyd's side gained promotion.

Stockport County

1982-84

He was released by Lloyd, who feared he would not make the transition to a higher division and joined Stockport County in Division 4. Latics' loss turned out to be County's gain, as Quinn bagged 24 goals in his first full season, followed by 15 in 24 games the following season – would he have been as successful had he stayed?

Oldham Athletic

1984-86

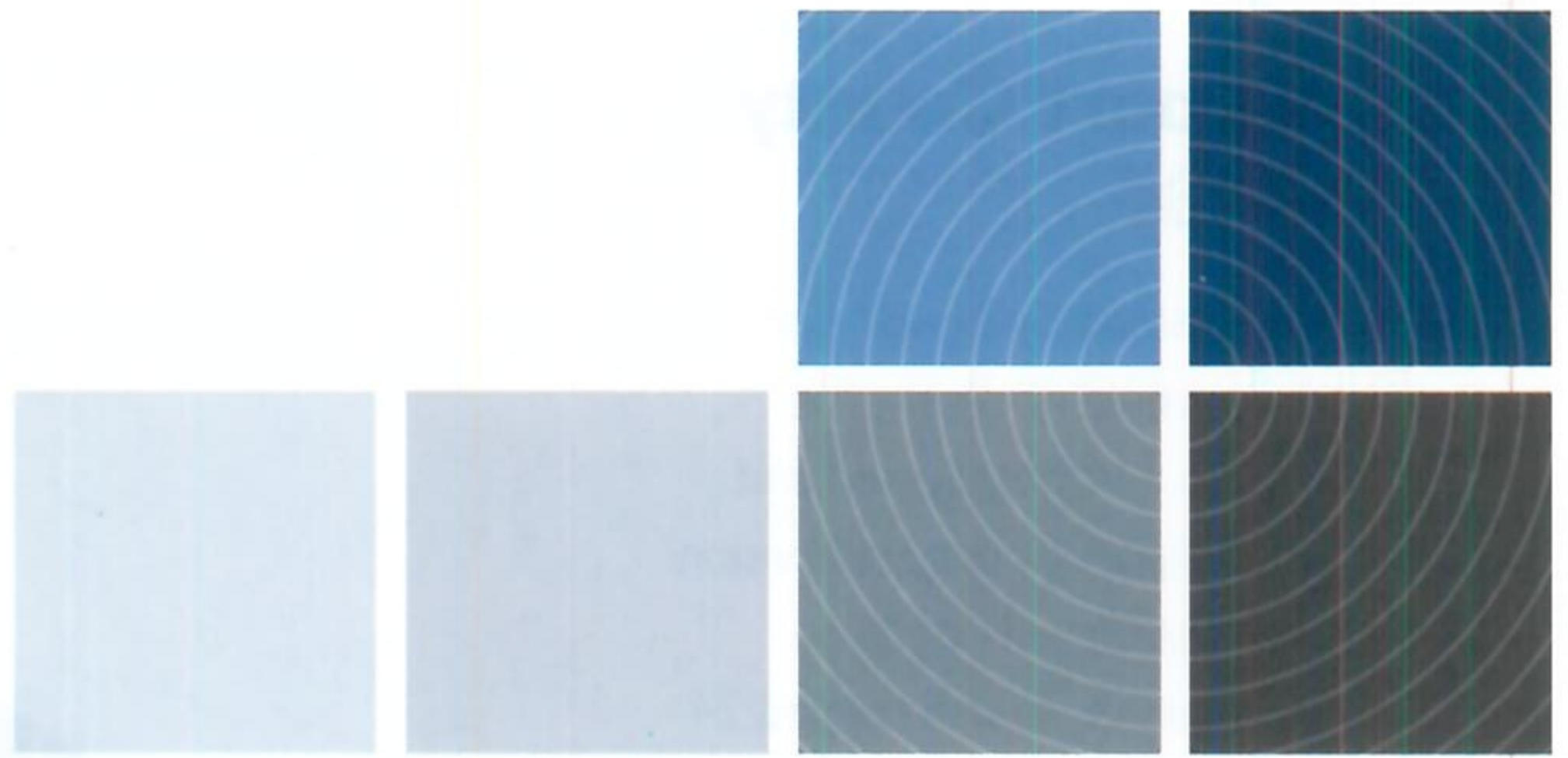
Joe Royle's 'other' Latics paid £53,000 – then a considerable sum – to take him to Boundary Park and for the first time in his career, the Second Division – Championship level now. He spent the next two years continuing where he left off at Edgeley Park, netting 34 goals in 80 appearances, and beginning to attract attention from bigger clubs.

Portsmouth

1986-89

Alan Ball paid £150,000 to have Quinn spearhead Pompey's push for promotion to the top flight and he did exactly that, scoring 54 goals in 121 appearances as they were promoted but were unable to maintain their status the following season. It was a topsy-turvy time for Quinn, who received a drink-drive ban, which he then broke and actually spent 14 days in prison as a result. All of which he spoke openly about in his book.





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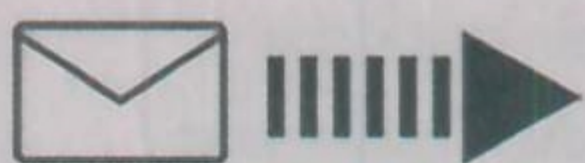


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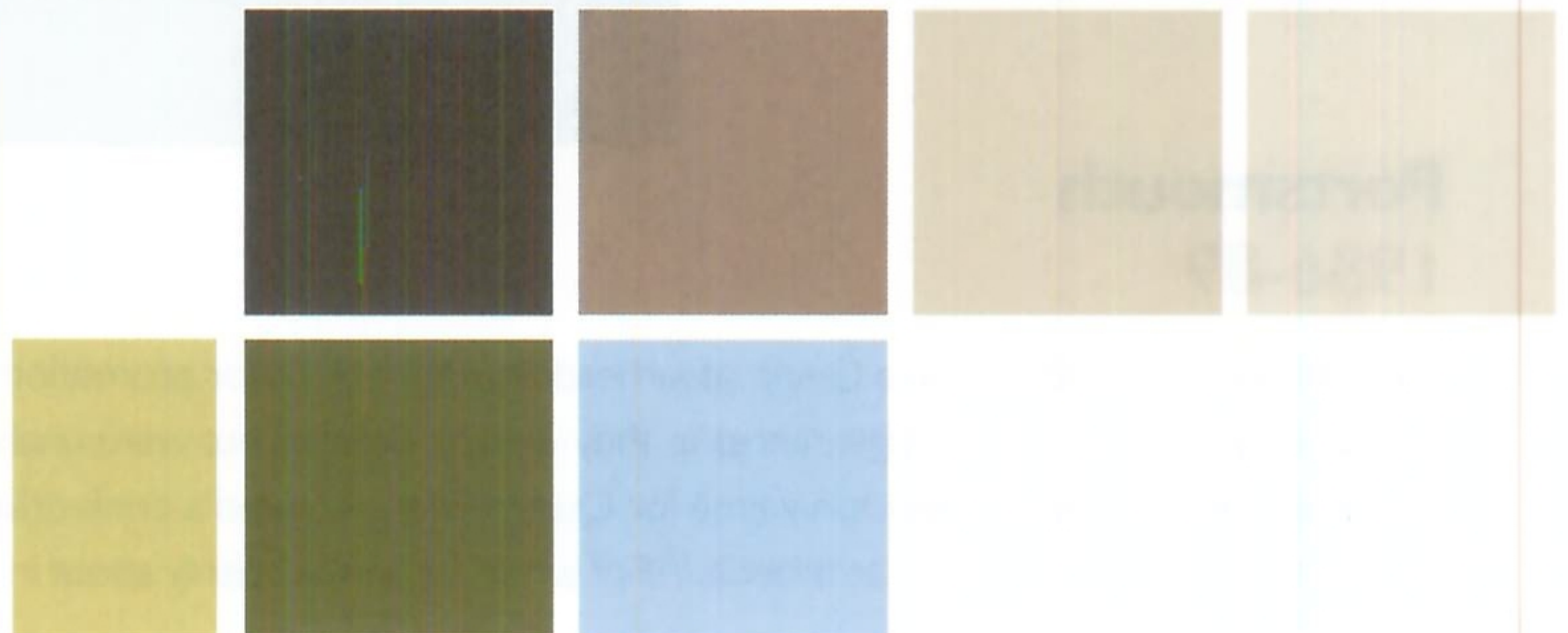
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Newcastle United

1989-92

Jim Smith paid £686,000 to bring him to the North-East and if he was hoping for a good start at St James' Park, that's exactly what he got, scoring four goals on his debut against Leeds United. The Magpies were in the second tier but Quinn had a fantastic spell with them, scoring 59 times in 115 appearances, maintaining his one in two, one in three goals ratio. And that was despite suffering a bad knee injury.



Coventry City

1992-95

Quinn's time at Newcastle did not end particularly well and his relationship with manager Kevin Keegan deteriorated to the point he was keen to move on. City manager Bobby Gould answered the call and Quinny was in the Premier League again, where he scored 25 goals in 64 appearances during his time there. There's that ratio again.

Things ended sourly again, however, and after unsuccessful loans at Plymouth Argyle and Watford, he was released from Highfield Road.

Paok Thessaloniki

1995-96

Quinn's final port of call was Greek club Thessaloniki, a strange finale to a great career but one where he nevertheless managed to maintain his consistency and scored seven goals in 15 appearances. Since retiring he has made his name as a racehorse owner and a career in the media.



The BBC Political Correspondent and lifelong Wigan Athletic supporter relives some stories you might not have heard about Latics...

I have a confession to make, one which may not make me popular with our Supporters' Club. Despite watching Wigan Athletic since being in short trousers, I did flirt with another love. It was only a brief fling in the autumn of 1970, and I only "played away" when the Latics were playing away.



BURNDEN PARK BECAME SOMEWHAT OF A THIRD HOME FOR PAUL ROWLEY DURING THE EARLY SEVENTIES!

So when we had long-haul trips to places like Boston United, South Shields or Gainsborough Trinity, I used to cycle from North Ashton to Burnden Park, which involved a lot of peddling for a schoolboy, especially getting up that big hill at Westhoughton. In the winter, I'd get the train from Wallgate to Trinity Street for a princely 2s 10d in old money (14p these days). In fairness, I also used to get the Ribble bus from the Saddle to watch Skelmersdale United, who won the FA Amateur Cup that season, took in the odd game at Preston North End, who lifted the Third Division Championship that term, and the occasional match at Southport who were in the Fourth Division. It was all part of my footballing education to see the game at all levels (That's my excuse anyway)!

THE WANDERER!

That year we won our first Northern Premier League title that season under "Sir" Gordon Milne, while Bolton were relegated from the old Second Division.



GORDON TAYLOR WAS ONE OF THE PLAYERS IN WHITE PAUL WATCHED

But I did have a soft spot for the Trotters, who had the stocky Gordon Taylor, now the PFA chief executive on the left-wing, the lively Paul Fletcher up front, and an impressive youth policy with the likes of Ian Seddon coming through the ranks, a player who joined us when we were elected to the Football League in 1978.

Our first-ever league meeting came five years later in the only time we broke the five figure barrier for a league game at Springfield Park. A Boxing Day crowd of 10,045 saw future Latics keeper Simon Farnworth saving a penalty from former Trotter Steve Taylor in a Third Division derby. But Jeff Chandler hit the second half winner for the visitors, although we did get own back on the return on Easter Saturday, Steve Johnson scoring the only goal.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Subsequently, many of our meetings were tight affairs, with an array of penalties (nine) and own-goals (seven). Brian "Biffo" Griffiths scoring two spot kicks in this fixture, a feat matched by Tony Philliskirk for the Wanderers. Jeff Chandler, Asa Hartford, Steve Thompson and Kevin Davies have also scored from the spot, as did the enigmatic Amr Zaki. The temperamental Egyptian bagged the winner at the Reebok Stadium over Christmas 2008, but it was his last goal for the club.

Phil Brown has the dubious distinction of scoring two own goals against us. Gerry McElhinney, Nicky Hunt and even Latics old boy Tony Kelly, a legend at both clubs, also put through their own net in this fixture. Paul Scharner scored for Bolton in a 4-1 defeat at the Reebok in 2007, and Gary Caldwell repeated the trick two seasons ago in a 3-1 defeat, our last top-flight meeting here. Our club skipper got his revenge later in the season though, putting us ahead in the return, with Scotland international team-mate James McArthur netting the winner in a 2-1 victory. That result was decisive, helping us avoid the drop as Wanderers went down on the last day of the season.



LATICS AND WANDERERS LEGEND TONY KELLY HAD HIS SAY IN THE DERBY

CUP CLASHES

There have been other significant moments. Bobby Campbell grabbed his only Latics hat-trick against the Wanderers in a League Cup victory at Burnden in 1987. The previous year we lost 3-1 at Springfield on Easter Saturday, precipitating a drop in form that meant we missed out on promotion to the Second Division. For good measure Phil Neal's side stopped us from returning to Wembley to defend the Freight Rover Trophy. Another Caldwell - Tony this time - scoring the winner in both legs of the Northern Final. It took us a generation to exact revenge, Jason Roberts grabbing both goals in a 2-0 Carling Cup quarter final victory here en route to the Millennium Stadium while the "twin towers" were being rebuilt.

"Old boys" have often scored in these games. Chris Thompson (twice) and Wayne Entwistle did it for us. Tony Kelly (in the right net this time) and Stuart Storer returned the favour for them. Some have scored their only goals in this fixture. Ronnie Stam found the net in a 1-1 draw at the Reebok over New

Year 2011 after Rodrigo Moreno, on loan from Benfica had put the Wanderers ahead. Neither scored again. The Iran midfielder Andranik Teimourian was a surprise choice in a Easter Saturday derby here in 2007. But he grabbed a double for Sam Allardyce's side in a 3-1 victory, his only goals in British football.



JASON KOUMAS WAS THE LATEST MAN TO SEE RED IN THE LATICS-WANDERERS DERBY BACK IN 2008

There've also been a fair share of red cards in this fixture. Jason Koumas was sent off here in 2008 after just five minutes for a crude tackle on Gary Cahill, but we hung on to claim victory thanks to Emile Heskey's first league goal in seven months. The most bizarre incident was at Burnden on New Year's Day 1986.

Steve Thompson, who'd scored a penalty for the Wanderers, was dismissed for a second bookable offence. Trouble was, he hadn't been given a yellow card first time round. Referee Ken Walmsley misread his notebook, and had booked Wigan's Number 8 Graham Barrow instead! Our first team coach, who got the Latics' winner in a 2-1 success that afternoon, was noticeably and untypically quiet on that occasion.



HAT-TRICK HERO BOBBY CAMPBELL PUT BOLTON TO THE SWORD BACK IN 1987

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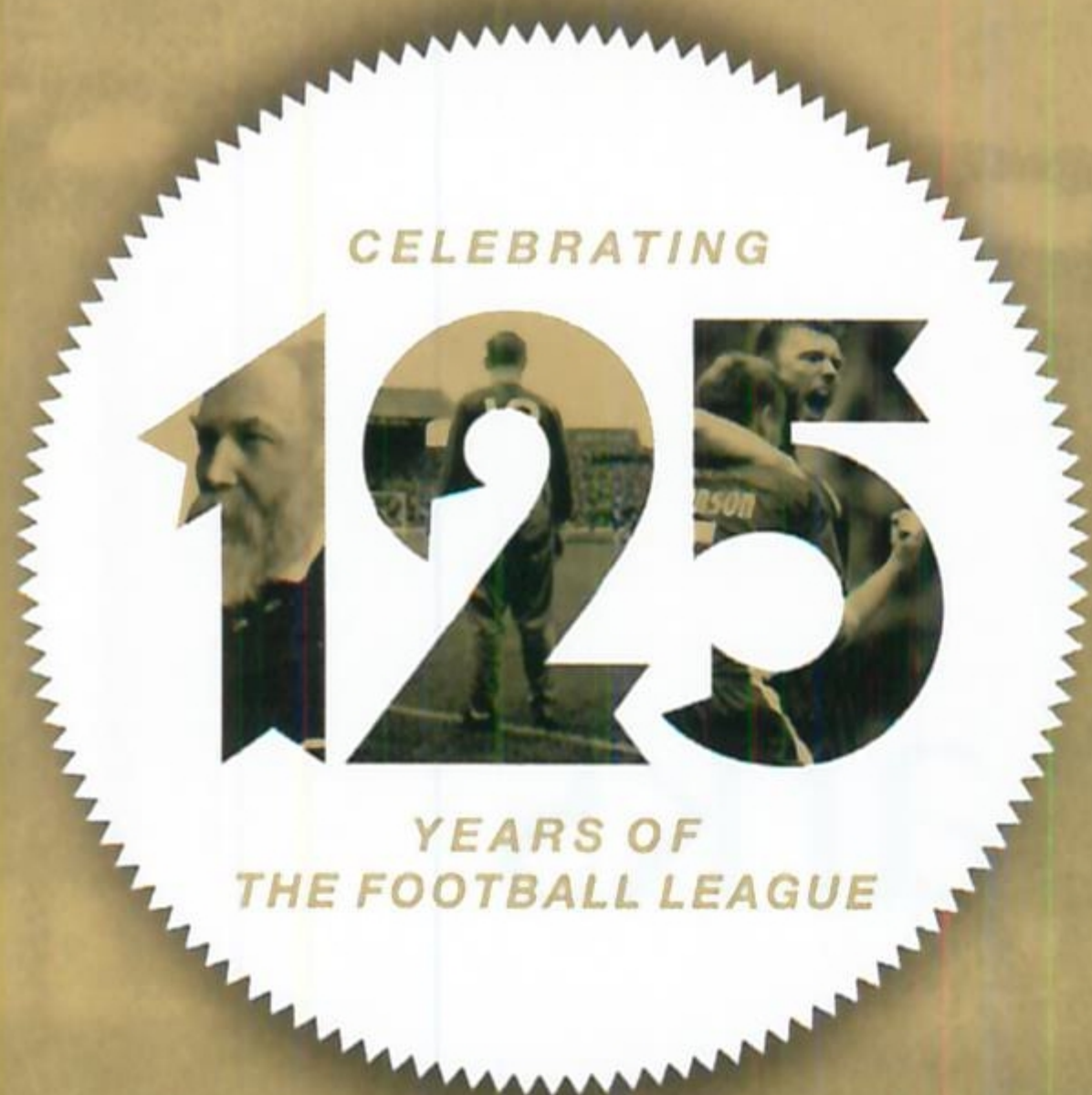
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1987, FA Cup 5th Round

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A look at the top 23 league appearance holders for Wigan Athletic



No.13
Neill Rimmer



Statistics

League Appearances: 191

Goals: 10

Debut: August 1988, v Bristol Rovers (A), Division Three

Last Game: May 1996, v Northampton Town (H), Division Three

The tough-tackling, no-nonsense midfielder was club captain for six years, one of the longest running skippers the club has ever had.

Rimmer has his fair share of derby day memories, most notably from 1990 when a challenge on Stuart Storer six minutes into the game warranted a straight red card from the referee!

A somewhat more positive memory was his winning goal at Hereford in Graham Barrow's first game in charge of the club back in September 1994.

Still heavily involved at the club, Neill is an academy coach and on matchdays lends his expert opinion to Latics Player as match summariser.





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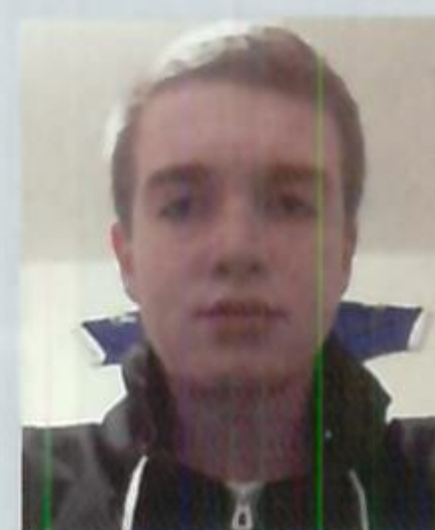
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SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
DW STADIUM
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Adults (Central Areas)	£22.00
Adults (Outer Areas)	£20.00
Concessions (Central Areas)	£17.00
Concessions (Outer Areas)	£15.00
Under 16s (Central Areas)	£12.00
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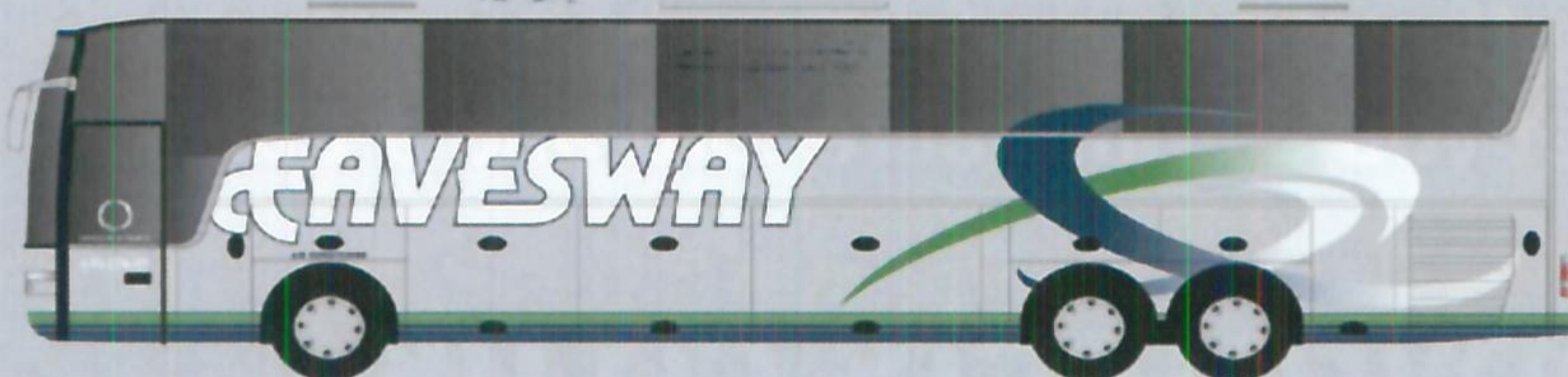
Adults	£25.00 (Season Ticket Holders) £27.00 (non-Season Ticket Holders) £30.00 (Matchday price)
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Development Squad

Latics suffered just their second defeat of the season in their recent Central League Cup game against Fleetwood Town at Robin Park Arena last week.

Having won 2-1 away at Tranmere Rovers in the opening group stage game, Latics lost 2-0 to an experienced Fleetwood side which saw Jon Parkin and Matty Blair take the plaudits.

It was a young Latics side that took to the pitch, with Under 18 winger Jordan Flores making his first start at this level and fellow Under 18 Matthew Hamilton being called in at the last minute to replace Joey Johnson, who missed out through illness.

Parkin's physical threat edged the visitors in front in the first half, but Latics fought admirably to try and claim a point, with Guillermo Andres forcing a point blank save from the Fleetwood goalkeeper.

Latics do not have a scheduled competitive fixture until 20 January 2014 when they face Morecambe away in the Central League Cup.



Player Profile Ryan Jennings

It's been a stop start season for winger Ryan Jennings and after a positive pre-season which saw him score twice against Barnoldswick Town in a friendly battled against injuries.

This is Jennings' first season in the Development Squad, having played for John Doolan's Under 18s in 2012-13, scoring four goals in 15 appearances.

His electric pace and raw acceleration cause problems for opposition defences, and his recent match winning impact against Preston North End in the LFA Cup was proof of that.

Making just his second appearance of the season, Jennings came on against North End with Latics 4-3 down, but following an assist for Guillermo Andres for 4-4, he then scored the winning goal to send his side into the next round.

Following the Preston game, Jennings started for just the second time this season in a 2-1 win against Tranmere, but picked up a slight injury from which he is currently recovering.

Development Squad Fixtures and Results

Date	KO	Opponents	Venue	Res	Scorers
13.08.13	2.00pm	Morecambe	H	2-0	Meadows, Andres
21.08.13	2.00pm	Port Vale	A	2-0	Johnson, Redmond
27.08.13	2.00pm	Wrexham	H	4-0	Andres (3), Boothman
10.09.13	2.00pm	Walsall	H	3-5	Redmond, Dicko (2)
01.10.13	2.00pm	Shrewsbury Town	A	2-1	Redmond, Johnson
08.10.13	7.00pm	Burnley (U21 PL Cup)	A	0-0	6-7 on pens
06.11.13	2.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	A	4-1	Redmond, Ramis, Buxton, Andres
19.11.13	1.30pm	Preston North End (LFA Cup Quarter Final)	H	5-4	Antelmi (2), Johnson, Andres, Jennings
27.11.13	1.00pm	Tranmere Rovers (Central League Cup)	A	2-1	Andres, Johnson
03.12.13	2.00pm	Fleetwood Town (Central League Cup)	H	0-2	
20.01.14	7.00pm	Morecambe (Central League Cup)	A		
04.02.14	1.00pm	Carlisle United (Central League Cup)	H		
11.02.14	2.00pm	Port Vale	H		
26.02.14	2.00pm	Walsall	A		
05.03.14	1.00pm	Wrexham	A		
18.03.14	2.00pm	Shrewsbury Town	H		
01.04.14	1.00pm	Oldham Athletic	A		
08.04.14	2.00pm	Tranmere Rovers	H		

Under 18s



Getting to Know Dieu Foukamene

Age: 17

Place of birth: Congo

Position: Midfielder

What is your best football memory?

Seeing Latics win the FA Cup against Manchester City.

Which Wigan Athletic first team player are you most like? Emmerson Boyce

Who is your non-football hero? My Dad

Who is the best trainer in the squad?

Matthew Hamilton

Who is your best mate in the squad?

Omar Carey

It was back to winning ways for Latics when they faced Carlisle United at Robin Park Arena recently, and it was in-form striker Sam Cosgrove taking the plaudits as he netted twice in a 3-2 victory.

Having lost 3-1 away to the Cumbrians seven days earlier, Latics reversed their fortunes despite falling a goal behind early on.

Jordan Flores' timely finish at the back post made it 1-1 shortly after, before Cosgrove worked his magic with a clever right footed finish just inside the area.

Latics' top goal scorer made it 3-1 just before half time when he lashed a shot across the goalkeeper from range, making it 17 goals in just 13 games in all competitions.

This week Latics had a cup double-header when they faced trips to Lincoln City in the Youth Alliance Cup and Derby County in the FA Youth Cup, reports of both games are now available on the website.

For the full list of fixtures and results please visit our Under 18s page on wiganathletic.com

Under 18s Fixtures and Results

Date	KO	Opponents	Venue	Res	Scorers
10.08.13	11.00am	Port Vale	A	2-3	Mather, Cosgrove
17.08.13	11.00am	Wrexham	A	3-1	Carey, Mather, Leigh
24.08.13	11.00am	Rochdale	H	0-5	
31.08.13	11.00am	Walsall	H	0-0	
07.09.13	11.00am	Shrewsbury Town	A	2-3	Cosgrove, Leigh
14.09.13	10.30am	Preston North End	A	3-5	Cosgrove 2, Hamilton
21.09.13	11.00am	Morecambe	H	0-0	
28.09.13	11.00am	Burnley	A	1-0	Cosgrove
05.10.13	11.00am	Fleetwood Town (Youth Alliance Cup)	H	3-3 *4-3 on pens	Cosgrove 2, Poole
12.10.13	12.00pm	Morecambe	H	3-1	Cosgrove 2, Anson
19.10.13	11.00am	Bury	H	4-4	Cosgrove 2, Harrison, Hamilton
26.10.13	11.00am	Accrington Stanley	A	3-3	Anson, Balogun, McNally
02.11.13	11.00am	Fleetwood Town	H	1-0	Johnson
09.11.13	11.00am	Blackpool	A	2-0	
23.11.13	12.00pm	Carlisle United	A	1-3	Cosgrove
26.11.13	1.00pm	Bury (LFA Youth Cup 1st Round)	A	3-5	Cosgrove 3
30.11.13	11.00am	Carlisle United	H	3-2	Flores, Cosgrove 2
07.12.13	3.00pm	Lincoln City (Youth Alliance Cup 2nd Round)	A		
10.12.13	7.00pm	Derby County (FA Youth Cup 3rd Round)	A		
14.12.13	11.00am	Bury	A		
11.01.14	11.00am	Fleetwood Town	A		
18.01.14	11.00am	Accrington Stanley	H		
25.01.14	11.00am	Blackpool	H		
08.02.14	11.00am	Preston North End	H		
01.03.14	11.00am	Burnley	H		
15.03.14	11.00am	Tranmere Rovers	A		
05.04.14	11.00am	Oldham Athletic	A		
12.04.14	11.00am	Macclesfield Town	H		

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Pos.	Team	P	Home					Away					Pts	GD
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Burnley	19	6	4	0	16	4	5	2	2	14	9	+17	39
2	Queens Park Rangers	19	8	2	0	14	2	3	4	2	8	8	+12	39
3	Leicester City	19	7	1	1	16	8	5	1	4	15	13	+10	38
4	Derby County	19	4	3	3	20	16	6	1	2	20	10	+14	34
5	Nottingham Forest	19	4	3	2	14	10	4	4	2	15	12	+7	31
6	Reading	19	5	4	1	16	9	3	3	3	12	13	+6	31
7	Blackpool	19	5	3	1	12	7	3	4	3	11	14	+2	31
8	Leeds United	19	6	2	2	19	10	3	1	5	10	13	+6	30
9	Ipswich Town	19	6	1	3	18	10	2	4	3	12	14	+6	29
10	Brighton & Hove Albion	19	4	3	3	17	12	3	4	2	7	6	+6	28
11	Huddersfield Town	19	4	3	2	16	12	3	2	5	9	11	+2	26
12	Watford	19	3	2	4	13	14	3	5	2	17	13	+3	25
13	Blackburn Rovers	19	5	2	2	12	5	1	4	5	10	17	0	24
14	Wigan Athletic	18	4	3	2	13	11	2	1	6	6	9	-1	22
15	Bolton Wanderers	19	2	5	3	12	10	3	2	4	8	13	-3	22
16	Bournemouth	19	4	1	4	12	12	2	3	5	12	24	-12	22
17	Millwall	19	4	3	3	15	15	1	3	5	8	22	-14	21
18	Middlesbrough	19	3	5	1	18	11	1	3	6	12	19	0	20
19	Birmingham City	19	2	4	4	14	11	3	1	5	10	15	-2	20
20	Doncaster Rovers	19	4	1	4	11	13	1	4	5	6	18	-14	20
21	Charlton Athletic	19	2	3	4	7	9	2	3	5	9	14	-7	18
22	Yeovil Town	19	2	2	6	7	12	2	2	5	9	14	-10	16
23	Sheffield Wednesday	18	2	3	4	13	13	0	5	4	7	16	-9	14
24	Barnsley	19	2	4	3	10	19	1	1	8	8	18	-19	14

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26	AL HABSI	Ali	30/12/81	15/07/10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	101	0	113	112	0		
25	BARNETT	Leon	30/11/85	01/08/13		18	18	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	23	23	4	0	3	18	18	3	23	23	4			
22	BEAUSEJOUR	Jean	01/06/84	25/01/12		10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	12	10	0	0	3	60	56	1	67	61	1			
17	BOYCE	Emmerson	24/09/79	31/07/06		18	15	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	23	20	1	0	1	212	204	12	236	228	12			
5	CALDWELL	Gary	12/04/82	12/01/10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	6	106	106	6			
1	CARSON	Scott	03/09/85	03/07/13		12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	15	15	0	0	0	12	12	0	15	15	0			
3	CRAINEY	Stephen	22/06/81	01/07/13		6	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	11	11	0	0	1	6	6	0	11	11	0			
30	DICKO	Nouha	14/05/92	08/08/11		0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	0			
18	ESPINOZA	Roger	25/10/86	01/01/13		8	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	11	4	0	0	1	20	8	1	27	14	1			
32	FORTUNE	Marc-Antoine	02/07/81	05/07/13		14	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	18	7	1	0	0	14	7	1	18	7	1				
20	FYVIE	Fraser	27/03/93	16/07/12		0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	6	0			
23	GARCIA	Juan Carlos	08/03/88	23/07/13		0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0			
14	GOMEZ	Jordi	24/05/85	19/06/09		10	7	2	1	1	0	0	0	5	4	0	17	12	2	0	1	106	68	12	132	91	19				
31	KEANE	Will	11/01/93	28/11/13		2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0			
9	HOLT	Grant	12/04/81	08/07/13		14	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	17	9	2	0	1	14	7	2	17	9	2				
10	MALONEY	Shaun	24/01/83	31/08/11		5	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	0	0	54	47	12	61	52	13			
16	McARTHUR	James	07/10/87	23/07/10		14	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	18	16	1	0	2	97	57	7	115	72	8				
7	McCANN	Chris	21/07/87	01/07/13		13	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	0	18	13	0	0	0	13	9	0	18	13	0				
11	McCLEAN	James	22/04/89	07/08/13		16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	21	11	0	1	3	16	8	0	21	11	0				
38	McMANAMAN	Callum	25/04/91	01/07/09		13	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	18	10	0	1	0	39	14	2	60	31	8				
39	MUSTOE	Jordan	28/01/91	01/07/09		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0			
13	NICHOLLS	Lee	05/10/92	01/07/09		6	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	9	9	0	0	0	6	6	0	9	9	0				
24	PERCH	James	28/09/85	03/07/13		15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	18	18	0	0	1	15	15	0	18	18	0				
12	POLLITT	Mike	29/02/72	30/06/05		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	31	0	52	47	0				
19	POWELL	Nick	23/03/94	02/09/13		13	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	4	3	19	16	6	0	1	13	12	3	19	16	6				
21	RAMIS	Ivan	25/10/84	01/09/12		3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	19	19	2	22	22	3				
41	REDMOND	Daniel	02/03/91	01/07/09		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0			
6	ROGNE	Thomas	29/06/90	01/07/13		7	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	10	10	0	0	0	7	7	0	10	10	0				
4	SHOTTON	Ryan	30/10/88	02/09/13		8	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	13	11	1	0	3	8	7	1	13	11	1				
8	WATSON	Ben	09/07/85	25/01/05		16	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	19	18	2	0	4	93	70	11	109	82	15				

*Statistics do not include Thursday's Europa League fixture against NK Maribor





Fixtures and Results 2013/14

- Started
- Substituted sub
- 16 Used sub replacing number
- Unused substitute
- Yellow card
- Red card

Date	KO	Opponents	Res	Att (Away)	Points	Pos	Referee	Goal scorers
Sat 3 Aug	15:00	Barnsley	4-0	13,096 (2,371)	3	1	G. Eltringham	Watson, Holt, Barnett, Maloney
Sun 11 Aug	14:00	Manchester United*	0-2	80,235	-	-	M. Clattenburg	
Sat 17 Aug	15:00	AFC Bournemouth	0-1	9,097 (689)	3	13	G. Scott	
Tue 20 Aug	19:45	Doncaster Rovers	2-2	14,304 (1,458)	4	10	C. Boyeson	Maloney, Barnett
Sun 25 Aug	15:00	Middlesbrough	2-2	14,333 (1,997)	5	12	D. Coote	Holt (pen), Gomez
Sat 31 Aug	15:00	Nottingham Forest	2-1	16,270 (3,979)	8	8	C. Pawson	Maloney, Gomez
Sat 14 Sep	15:00	Leicester City	0-2	21,810 (805)	8	12	D. Webb	
Thu 19 Sep	18.00	SV Zulte Waregem	0-0	8,000 (2,501)			M. Borski	
Sun 22 Sep	15:00	Ipswich Town	2-0	13,747 (735)	11	11	J. Adcock	Shotton, Powell
Tue 24 Sep	19.45	Manchester City (C.O.C. R3)	0-5	25,519 (712)			K. Friend	
Sat 28 Sep	15:00	Watford	0-1	14,999 (425)	11	13	A. Madley	
Thu 3 Oct	20.05	NK Maribor	3-1	12,753 (155)			A. Stavrev	Powell (2), Watson
Sun 6 Oct	15:00	Blackburn Rovers	2-1	16,996 (3,630)	14	12	S. Attwell	Spurr (OG), Boyce
Sat 19 Oct	12:15	Blackpool	0-1	15,721 (2,207)	14	12	M. Haywood	
Thu 24 Oct	20.05	FC Rubin Kazan	1-1	14,723 (61)			F. Meyer	Powell
Sun 27 Oct	15:00	Charlton Athletic	0-0	23,600 (775)	15	14	S. Martin	
Wed 30 Oct	19.45	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	13,143 (737)	16	13	M. Naylor	
Sat 2 Nov	15:00	Huddersfield Town	2-1	16,112 (2,937)	19	10	T. Harrington	Barnett, Powell
Thu 7 Nov	18.00	FC Rubin Kazan	0-1	TBC			H. Göçek	
Sun 10 Nov	15:00	Yeovil Town	1-0	6,149 (588)	22	10	J. Linington	Fortune
Sat 23 Nov	15:00	Brighton & Hove Albion	0-1	14,057 (1,135)	22	11	I. Williamson	
Thu 28 Nov	20.05	SV Zulte Waregem	1-2	15,543 (618)			R. Buquet	Barnett
Sun 1 Dec	15:00	Derby County	1-3	15,097 (2,346)	22	14	D. Coote	Powell
Wed 4 Dec	19:45	Leeds United	0-2	25,888 (775)	22	14	G. Scott	
Sat 7 Dec	15:00	Millwall	1-2	9,519 (145)	22	14	S. Duncan	McArthur
Thu 12 Dec	18.00	NK Maribor						
Sun 15 Dec	15:00	Bolton Wanderers						
Wed 18 Dec	19.45	Sheffield Wednesday						
Sat 21 Dec	15:00	Reading						
Thu 26 Dec	15:00	Birmingham City						
Sun 29 Dec	15:00	Burnley						
Wed 1 Jan	15:00	Derby County						
Sat 4 / Sun 5 Jan	TBC	MK Dons	3					
Sat 11 Jan	15:00	AFC Bournemouth						
Sat 18 Jan	15:00	Doncaster Rovers						
Sat 25 Jan	15:00	Barnsley						
Tue 28 Jan	19:45	Middlesbrough						
Sat 1 Feb	15:00	Charlton Athletic						
Sat 8 Feb	15:00	Huddersfield Town						
Sat 15 Feb	15:00	Yeovil Town						
Sat 22 Feb	15:00	Brighton & Hove Albion						
Sat 1 Mar	15:00	Nottingham Forest						
Sat 8 Mar	15:00	Leicester City						
Tue 11 Mar	19:45	Sheffield Wednesday						
Sat 15 Mar	15:00	Ipswich Town						
Sat 22 Mar	15:00	Watford						
Tue 25 Mar	19:45	Queens Park Rangers						
Sat 29 Mar	15:00	Bolton Wanderers						
Sat 5 Apr	15:00	Leeds United						
Tue 8 Apr	19:45	Millwall						
Sat 12 Apr	15:00	Birmingham City						
Sat 19 Apr	15:00	Reading						
Mon 21 Apr	15:00	Burnley						
Sat 26 Apr	15:00	Blackpool						
Sat 3 May	15:00	Blackburn Rovers						

*Yellow cards shown to James McArthur and Roger Espinoza in the Community Shield do not count towards domestic suspensions





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ON AIR

Former skipper and Latics Player summariser Neill Rimmer previews today's game at the DW Stadium.



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Derby days are the ones we look forward to first when the fixtures come out. When the days arrives there really is a mixture of emotions both for the players and the fans; anxiety, excitement, determination all come together and once the adrenalin kicks in it all makes for a rollercoaster afternoon. I had mixed memories of playing in these matches, but I always enjoyed being a part of them – coming out on top in the derby is a totally unique feeling and for us it could prove to be a real boost just when we need it.

What an introduction it will be to the DW Stadium for Uwe Rosler, the new manager. I think it's great that the Chairman has moved quickly to install a permanent replacement for Owen Coyle, and Uwe's record is an impressive one at Brentford. I think everyone will commend Graham Barrow on the job he has done overseeing the Leeds and Millwall games; it hasn't been easy and he's not got the results he deserved, but he is a man who truly cares about our club and stood up to be counted for when we needed him.

Against Leeds I think we saw a performance that got better as the game developed, but succumbed to a couple of soft goals from set pieces. With a new system of three defenders at the back it was good to see the likes of Emmerson Boyce have more freedom to get forward and get involved, but our fortune in the final third at the moment is such that he couldn't help break the Leeds defence. It was also a positive to see Ivan Ramis back in the team after so long out, going on from his return to action against Derby County. He's one of the best passers in the

team and if Uwe can keep him fit and get him stronger then he'll be a big asset once again for us this season.

Will Keane and Nick Powell partnered once again up front and although they didn't quite have the rub of the green on the night, you can see there is a real understanding between the two that will get stronger. Keane in particular looked more settled than on his debut against Derby and was able to get involved more.

It set us up for a crunch game at The Den last Saturday which picked up where the Leeds display left off, with the lads looking in control for pretty much the duration of the game. Again though, a slow start proved costly and the second goal Millwall scored could have been avoided. Little lapses in concentration can prove so costly, but the flip side is that Millwall couldn't outplay us and relied on mistakes to take the win.

The introduction of Callum McManaman in the second half made a real impact as he was able to re-establish the partnership he has with Boyce on the right wing, whilst James McClean looked threatening all afternoon – his performances of late have been really impressive and it seems now that he's really finding rhythm in the team.

All in all it sets us up for a hugely important game this afternoon, and if all the aspects of recent weeks can come together, as well as the obvious plan Uwe Rosler will set out then hopefully we're in for an afternoon that could kick start our season.

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Manager: Uwe Rosler

- 1 Scott Carson
- 3 Stephen Crainey
- 4 Ryan Shotton
- 5 Gary Caldwell
- 6 Thomas Rogne
- 7 Chris McCann
- 8 Ben Watson
- 9 Grant Holt
- 10 Shaun Maloney
- 11 James McClean
- 12 Mike Pollitt
- 13 Lee Nicholls
- 14 Jordi Gomez
- 15 Callum McManaman
- 16 James McArthur
- 17 Emmerson Boyce
- 18 Roger Espinoza
- 19 Nick Powell
- 20 Fraser Fyvie
- 21 Ivan Ramis
- 22 Jean Beausejour
- 23 Juan Carlos Garcia
- 24 James Perch
- 25 Leon Barnett
- 26 Ali Al Habsi
- 28 Danny Redmond
- 29 Nouha Dicko
- 30 Rob Kiernan
- 31 Will Keane
- 32 Marc-Antoine Fortune
- 43 Adam Buxton



Bolton Wanderers

Manager: Dougie Freedman

- 1 Adam Bogdan
- 2 Tyrone Mears
- 4 Matt Mills
- 5 Tim Ream
- 6 Jay Spearing
- 7 Chris Eagles
- 9 David Ngog
- 10 Jermaine Beckford
- 11 Robert Hall
- 12 Zat Knight
- 14 Andre Moritz
- 15 Alex Baptiste
- 16 Mark Davies
- 20 Joe Riley
- 21 Darren Pratley
- 22 Stuart Holden
- 23 Marc Tierney
- 24 Andy Lonergan
- 25 Joshua Vela
- 26 Joe Mason
- 27 Chung-Yong Lee
- 28 Craig Davies
- 31 David Wheeler
- 32 Tom Eaves
- 34 Jay Lynch
- 38 Sanmi Odelusi
- 44 Mohamed Medo



Match Officials

Referee:

Kevin Friend

Assistant Referees:

Marc Perry & Anthony Tankard

Fourth Official:

Darren Drysdale

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